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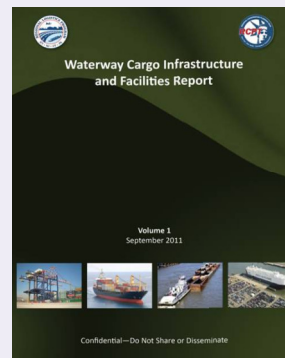
The Capstone document is nearly complete, with its first publication scheduled for December. For an updated version of the Capstone, please contact Jim Penta.

Intermodal Infrastructure Reports: Waterway

The Program team has just approved the final draft of the *Waterway Infrastructure Report*. The final printed For Official Use Only (FOUO) copies will be submitted to the Program's point of contact in each jurisdiction in December.

Intermodal Infrastructure Reports: Site Assessment and Evaluation

The Program is in the early stages of a Site Assessment and Evaluation study designed to identify and assess sites across the Region that may be used to support receiving and distribution (RDC) and commodity point of distribution (C-POD) operations. The findings of the study will help us quantify the capacity of RDCs and C-PODs to provide logistics support to the Region following a catastrophic incident. This analysis will complement the existing intermodal studies developed for air, rail, and waterway. For additional information, please contact Jim Penta.



Regional Logistics Internships

The Program is reviewing applications for the Winter 2012 Internship Program. The deadline for applications is December 13th. For more information, to refer a candidate, or to submit a resume for consideration please contact Detgen Greeff or visit www.emergencylogistics.org/about/team/internship.



Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPGP) Planning Workshop

The *1st Annual RCPGP Planning Workshop* is scheduled to take place on December 12th and 13th in New York City. The workshop will consist of both plenary and breakout sessions along with several panel discussions. There will be two panel discussions with a logistics focus: resource management and volunteer and donations management. For additional information, or if you are interested in attending, please contact Jay Brandt at RIC@regionalCATplanning.org or 646-215-6554.

The **Regional Logistics Program** is an initiative designed to link resources, expertise, and information by encouraging collaboration among regional, state, and local emergency management partners in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut. The program kicked off in the summer of 2009 when logistics planning, resource management, information sharing, and training efforts began.

The goal of these monthly newsletters is to keep all stakeholders up-to-date on emerging and ongoing initiatives and to promote and encourage feedback from regional partners and nationwide emergency managers and planners. Each newsletter will provide information on the previous month's work within the program.

The Regional Logistics Program Newsletter is now published bi-monthly; look for the next issue in January 2012. We will continue to keep our planning partners up to date in the interim months through email notifications and website updates.

Information Sharing at www.EmergencyLogistics.org

The Program's official website (www.EmergencyLogistics.org) provides a new platform to share information and expertise relating to disaster logistics issues around the country. This month our discussion forum focused on the following topics related to logistics training:

- Do you prefer self-directed (computer-based) or instructor-led training?
- What is the one area of logistics in which you wish you would like to be better trained?

Your feedback will help us create a comprehensive logistics training program that will meet the needs of the Region. Please take a moment to visit our site and register to join the discussion!

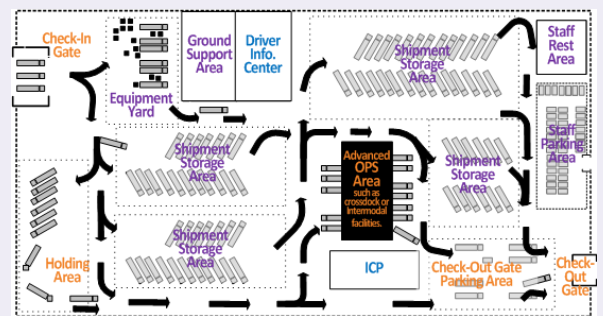
Staging Area/Receiving and Distribution Center (RDC)

As the *RDC Field Operations Guide (FOG)* and *RDC Plan* near completion, some challenging issues have been raised. In the aftermath of a catastrophic incident in our Region, projected resource needs could be significant enough to require thousands of trailer loads per day; the logistics management capabilities to support such a surge are unprecedented.

Many of the plans and best practices that feature prominently in disaster logistics planning in the U.S. are based on successful hurricane response in the Southeast, and rely on ample highway capacities and an abundance of open space in proximity to major population centers. However, given the high population density and multiple urban areas in our Region, we may not be able to rely solely on trucking to support RDC operations following a catastrophe. Thankfully, our Region's transportation infrastructure is diverse, so other modes of transport (rail, waterway) could be utilized.

Our questions turn, then, to the ability of emergency supply chains to sustain the thousands of trailers and containers that would need to be shipped into our Region. Could post-disaster transportation networks handle the operations? Can existing paper-based ordering and reporting mechanisms provide the resource management capabilities needed by these operations? In order to create the most flexible solution, the RDC documents being produced are intended to be scalable, whether an operation plans to handle 100 or 1,000 trailers per day.

For more information, or to join our discussion, please contact Alexander Marks.



Credentialing

The Credentialing planning team held a meeting on October 6th to review the new format and design of the *Credentialing Annex* and discuss next steps for the team. Participants proposed that the planning team transition to a working group that would focus on relevant discussion topics related to issues and challenges in the field. The first working group session will be held in January.

Pre-Scripted Mission Request (PSMR) Project

New PSMR forms are currently being reviewed by the Program team. Once completed, all 25 new forms will be presented to the planning team before they are finalized and set for formatting and publication. For more information on the PSMR project, contact Tom Rinaldi at trinaldi@regionalcatplanning.org.

Volunteer and Donations Management (VDM)

The VDM suite of documents is in the final stage of design and formatting for ease of use in the field and EOC. The planning team will meet to review the final formatted documents in January 2012. In the interim, planning team members have been invited to join the RCPGP's Regional Volunteer Preparedness planning team led by Oscar Gubernati (ogubernati@regionalcatplanning.org), which is designed to strengthen regional partnerships among affiliated volunteer managers, non-profits, disaster response agencies, and the private sector.

Logistics Center (LC)

The LC planning team met on November 2nd to discuss the various procurement processes used in our Region and across the country. This research is being conducted to help us identify commonalities and ensure the *LC Plan* provides appropriate guidance for the Region. **The next planning team meeting will take place on December 14th at 1400.**

Area Logistics Emergency Response Teams (ALERT)

The ALERT planning team continues to work on the *LC Plan* and will reconvene in early 2012 to discuss ALERT structure and training.

Training Development

This month, the Program team continued to scope the Training Development project. Over the next several months planning team members and other stakeholders will be invited to participate in the training development process, helping the Program create a comprehensive logistics training program that meets the needs of the Region. For more information, please contact Nancy Harris.

Regional Resource Management Solution (RRMS)

This month, the Program team continued to monitor and contribute to interoperability initiatives being explored throughout the country. The next RIMS planning team meeting will be held in January 2012.

Regional Asset Database Project (RADP)

The *RADP Strategy Document* has been finalized for publication and is currently in the design and formatting stage. Findings from the project will transition into the data exchange and interoperability initiative.

Commodity Point of Distribution (C-POD)

All planning team member feedback and comments on the draft *C-POD Plan* and *Field Operations Guide (FOG)* have been reviewed and incorporated. **The next planning team meeting will be held on December 15th at 1400**, when we will present the approved final drafts of the plan and the FOG.

December 2011 Planning Team Meetings

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
RCPGP Planning Workshop (All Day)	LC PTM14 1400	C-POD PTM13 1400		
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

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- ✦ For access to the VJPO or for more information on joining a planning team, please email RCPLogistics@RegionalCATPlanning.org.
- ✦ *Please note:* planning team participation is open to all.