EMA CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, December 16, 2009 AT 2:00PM

62 counties participated in the EMA conference call:

Adams Allen Bartholomew
Allen Gibson Grant
Boone Greene
Cass Hamilton
City of Anderson Hancock
Clay Harrison
Daviess Hendricks
Dearborn Jackson
Decatur Jay
Delaware Johnson
Dubois Kosciusko
Elkhart Lake
Fayette LaPorte
Floyd Lawrence
Fountain Madison

Bridget Davis welcomed everyone to the conference call. During the call, questions should be e-mailed to Caitlin Intermill at: cintermill@dhs.in.gov and they would be addressed later.

Planning Division

Grants Update
- Caitlin Intermill, Policy Development and Research Branch Chief, introduced Rachel Meyer as the new Grants Program Director.
- Complete proposals for the 2010 Homeland Security Grant Program are due February 1, 2010. Please be reasonable and detailed in your submission.
- Indiana Homeland Security Foundation
  - Foundation Report: The 2010 Foundation A grant is opened. It will close on 1/31/10. If you would like to submit a request for this round please email Mary Fields and she will open a budget for you, mafields@dhs.in.gov.

Planner’s Update
- David Barrabee, Section Chief-Compliance and Special Projects, asked that everyone please take advantage of the Webinar soon at: https://connect.hsin.gov/p21849699/. The webinar runs about 20 minutes and expires in 30 days.
- To support this webinar, the companion CD copied for the counties and the Field Coordinators will distribute a copy for each County EMA office.
- The CD contains a series of PDFs of wallet cards, poster size info, brochures etc. If there are more in-depth questions, please contact William Gleason at: william.gleason@dhs.gov.

US DHS PS Prepared Program
- Roger Koelpin, GIS/CI Planner, announced; US DHS is taking comments on a voluntary certification program for the private sector. The certification is for business continuity planning and three standards are proposed, one of which is from the National Fire Protection Association. Director Wainscott has prepared some language for IDHS comments. IDHS will be sharing that language and the on-line link for the docket if you are interested in voicing an opinion on the matter. IDHS is looking at this program as a good first step and are asking US DHS to consider extra recognition for private sector partners who are already there with planning, and going the extra mile with you and your response partners on training and exercise as well.
- Talking points etc coming to a district coordinator near you, soon.
• Please get your top 10 or more EMPG CI sites into WebEOC. Let Roger know when that is done so that he can send it to USDHS for entry into ACAMS.

2007 LETPP WebGIS grants
• Please respond to the email sent out last week. We are getting close to the last quarter of the performance period of the grant. We will start taking actions to reallocate the monies to other counties, if we don’t hear from you. We will not be sending any of this money back to the feds. First steps are on you, to develop your budgets in iGMS.

2007 ACAMS/C1 grants
• We have had ACAMS classes in 3 districts this quarter. We have gone from 5 ACAMS users statewide to 65. In those classes we have heard some notions about the use of contracts as opposed to the proposed OT/Backfill for your response partners. Need to know what to expect (to be followed up with a note from us via coordinators):
  • Who qualifies for ACAMS funding for time spent in training and/or doing vulnerability assessments under the 2007 LETPP ACAMS grant to Districts?
  • The answer depends on how you are going to obligate the funds. For this project, the sub-grantee can either use its existing personnel (overtime/backfill) for these services or procure these services from a contractor. The approved budget item(s) in iGMS must reflect the option(s) chosen.
  • If you are considering -
    • Funding for overtime / backfill. Public sector employee who is eligible for overtime or backfill reimbursement is eligible for these funds. Work must be conducted outside normal working hours (including vacation and other paid leave). Overtime policy for the employee’s agency must be submitted along with time sheets and other supporting documentation.
  • Contracts. Candidates for contract status cannot be
    • A member of the District Planning Committee of the District, and
    • A State employees or a member of a state board or commission (such as an LEPC member), and participating in the administration, oversight or implementation of the grant agreement which is the source of the grant funds being used to fund the contract or who participates in the selection, award or administration or award of the contract. (Even the appearance of a conflict of interest must be avoided).

If you had a hand in deciding who gets funded, you cannot qualify for the funding. Further, contracts must comply with procurement requirements normally applicable and must be conducted in a manner providing full and open competition consistent with the standards of 44 CFR 13.36 (see attached).

Extending the scope of contracts with existing contractors. Contractors not involved in the decision-making process of how the funding is to be spent are eligible for funding. Specifically, you can have your District Administrator Coordinators take on either ACAMS Administrator and/or Vulnerability Assessment Team Coordinator roles.

Field Services Division
• District Website www.in.gov/dhs/districtprograms.htm
• Questions about that site can be addressed to John Grant at jgrant@dhs.in.gov
• All Hazard Incident Management Team Course
• Each District needs to provide 8 personnel (One per Command and General Staff position)
• Districts 1,2,3,6 at Ft. Wayne January 25 – 28
• Districts 4,5,7 at Brownsburg March 1 – 5
• Districts 8,9,10 likely at Jeffersonville March 28 – April 2
• Districts that want to hold a Managing Civil Actions in Threat Incidents – Basic Course for their Law Enforcement Response Group of their District Response Task Force should let John Grant know when they would like to have the course in 2010. Districts will need to provide a venue with classroom and adjacent football/soccer field or other large and open area.
• ICS Position Specific vendor will be selected soon.
• John Steel, LEPC Coordinator, asked for you to get your seven LEPC reports in so that funding may continue.

Training Division
• Tony Pagano, Exercise Training Manager, requested that 2007 SHSP funding requests for 2011 exercises be in by the end of March.

Response and Recovery
• Shane Booker, Director of Operations, stated that with regards to the winter weather, nursing homes and other facilities who do not have generators, need to make prior arrangements as to what their needs are and which companies to contact.
• Please update your county’s travel status in WebEOC and it will post within 30 seconds.
• Phil Brown, Assistant Director Response & Recovery Division, gave a disaster update.

DISASTER UPDATES
10-28-09
DR - 1766 May 30 – June 27, 2008  Severe Storms Tornados and Flooding
IA  40 Counties  Over $ 56 million to more than 10,200 households
SBA 40 Counties  Over $ 73 million to homeowners, renters and businesses
PA 43 Counties  Over $ 114.9 million obligated to date
HM Statewide  Over $ 26.7 million  Available $ 0.0
Over $ 269.4 million to date

DR - 1795 Sept 12 – Oct 6, 2008  Severe Storms and Flooding (IKE)
IA  30 Counties  Over $ 35 million to over 20,000 households
SBA 30 Counties  Over $ 27 million to 801 homeowners, renters and businesses
PA 32 Counties  Over $ 24.2 million obligated to date
HM Statewide  Over $ 9.1  Available: $ 6,000,000
Over $ 96.3 million to date

DR - 1828 Jan 26 – 28, 2009  Severe Winter Storm (Southern Counties ICE)
IA  None
PA  21 Counties  Over $11.2 million obligated to date
HM Statewide  Over $1.74 million  Available: $ 1,745,000
Over 12.94 to date

DR – 1832 March 8-14, 2009  Severe Storms, Tornados & Flooding
IA  16 Counties  Over $ 2.85 million to 897 households disbursed
SBA 16 Counties  Over $ 1,558,600 to 71 applicants to date
PA  None
HM Statewide  Over $476,814 Available remaining: $ 476,814
Over $4.88 million to date

* Economic Injury Loan applications will be taken until January 22, 2010.
**Totals fluctuate as obligations and de-obligations are determined. HM remaining: $8.22 M.
Since May 30, 2008 a total of over $384.02 Million in disaster assistance has been provided to 82 counties.
• Please e-mail Bridget at bdavis@dhs.in.gov with your agenda topics and ideas as soon as possible.

The next EMA Conference call will be held on Wednesday, January 27th, 2010 at 2:00P.M. Please remember to call in at 1:55 to avoid dial-in noise.