

OEMA Notes 12-2-09

1. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of Health Affairs (OHA), Food, Agriculture, and Veterinary Defense Division (FAVD) will be hosting a meeting in Oregon, December 2, 2009 to present and receive feedback on the Food and Agriculture Readiness Measurement (FARM) Toolkit, currently under development. We received your information from our point of contact at the Oregon Department of Agriculture as an essential representative to attend this meeting.

The FARM Toolkit will enable food-sector stakeholders in government and the private sector to improve their capabilities to manage food incidents and to help integrate the Food, Agriculture and Veterinary stakeholders into the emergency management community. The toolkit will provide state, local, and tribal agencies responsible for food defense information on emergency management best practices, in-depth educational information, current training opportunities, and potential funding opportunities that are specific to each benchmark.

2. We have recommended the City of Portland for a 2011 Integrated Emergency Management Course at Emergency Management Institute.
3. Finalizing the administrative hearings on the standards for Tsunami sirens and warning standards for the south coast. We are scheduling another hearing for the North Oregon Coast for a date yet to be determined.
4. Made notice of proposed changes through the administrative rule process for updating (housecleaning) of the 9-1-1 rules. The public hearing is scheduled for January 21, 2010.
5. Have begun drafting the rules concerning HB 3021 on liability and workers compensation legislation passed during the 2009 legislative session. You should see the drafts in January and the public hearing will be scheduled.
6. We are reviewing and will probably update the current administrative rules concerning the EMPG program.
7. The Voluntary Private Sector Preparedness Accreditation and Certification Program (PS-Prep) is mandated by Title IX of the *Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007*. Congress directed the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to develop and implement a voluntary program of accreditation and certification of private entities using standards adopted by DHS that promote private sector preparedness, including disaster management, emergency management and business continuity programs.

The purpose of the PS-Prep Program is to enhance nationwide resilience in an all-hazards environment by encouraging private sector preparedness. The program will provide a mechanism by which a private sector entity—a company, facility, not-for-profit corporation, hospital, stadium, university, etc.—may be certified by an accredited third party establishing that the private sector entity conforms to one or more preparedness standards adopted by DHS.

Currently there is no comprehensive set of standards by which American businesses and other private sector entities can assess their preparedness for all hazards. Having a plan to reduce the impact of all hazards on business and protect employees can help ensure that a business is able to recover and reopen following a disaster.

8. OEM has been working on organizing a group that will begin to look at how we might implement a NIMS credentialing process in Oregon. That requirement is slated to be released next calendar year. We hope to have the first workgroup meeting in January 2010.
9. The first meeting of the Seismic Grants Review committee is December 3, 2009. They will due the initial review of Seismic Rehabilitation grants. We have 16 emergency services grants totaling \$13,267,936 and 33 school request totaling \$22,815,745.
10. The Chemical Stockpile program will not cease in the spring-summer of 2010. It is now predicted to last until spring of 2011.
11. We continue to move forward with the development of courses for the Oregon Incident Management Team training. We are currently working with DPSST to conduct train the trainer courses and hope to have classes available in 2010.
12. OEM is preparing the following reports for the 2010 legislative session:
 - a. Initial report on the consolidation of 9-1-1 centers in Oregon
 - b. Initial report on SB 935 for mapping all government buildings and schools in Oregon
13. Completed the Oregon's Northwest Mapping pilot conference, on December 1, 2009. A key component of the December 1 meeting will be involve sharing lessons learned from the development of Virginia's Integrated Platform for Emergency Response (VIPER) and Alabama's Virtual Alabama Platform. One of the primary lessons learned we have been able to identify from early discussions with colleagues in Virginia and Alabama concerns the development of a comprehensive inventory of

available and needed datasets. Below is the basic timeline for the initial project:

Quarterly Goals:

- 1st Qtr FY 2010 (Oct-Dec 2009):
 - o Simultaneous demonstration for all five states' stakeholder groups of the Virtual Alabama and Virginia VIPER programs as well as an introduction to the Virtual USA concept, on a date agreed to by all five states. They envision the audio-visual Webinar-type presentation to require a 4-6 hour block of time, and would include a facilitator sent to each state.
 - o Identification of state level steering groups
 - o Identification of individual state information/data requirements and issues
 - o Identification of three permanent representatives to the regional steering committee (may continue to be the TAG, EMD and CIO if desired)
 - 2nd Qtr (Jan-Mar 2010):
 - o States provide confirmation of their intra- and interstate data requirements
 - o Second plenary meeting before the end of March
 - o Fuse separate state requirements and confirm regional information requirements from participating states and federal partners
 - 3rd Qtr (Apr – Jun 2010):
 - o Build out a 'proof of concept' that will allow states to develop legislative policy option / funding packages to encourage state level support
 - 4th Qtr (Jul – Sep 2010):
 - o Conduct a pilot demonstration that will lead to continued development of Virtual USA, a continuation of the PNW Pilot, and continued improvement of individual state and region information sharing and mapping capabilities
14. Currently OEM does not have any legislation for the February 2010 legislative session. Potential legislative concepts for 2011 are:
- a. Funding for American Red Cross pre-positioned disaster supplies
 - b. Funding to implement 2-1-1 statewide
 - c. Funding for statewide mapping project
 - d. Funding for statewide Recovery Parks concept
 - e. Pre-paid Wireless phone concept to collect the 75 cents