



Task Force for Emergency Readiness Pilot Program

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Background

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- **Weaknesses are Apparent in Federal, State, and Local Preparedness Plans**
 - A Failure of Initiative: The Final Report of the Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina, 2005
 - DHS Nationwide Plan Review, 2006
- **Federal Guidance is Driving Integrated Interagency / Intergovernmental Planning**
 - Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act (PKEMRA), 2006
 - National Preparedness Guidelines, 2007
 - Homeland Security Presidential Directive – 8 Annex I, 2008
 - National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), 2008
- **Developing catastrophic preparedness plans requires unique planning considerations**
 - National Planning Scenarios
 - Need for regional collaboration

States and Urban Areas (respectively) ranked planning as their second and third highest grant funding priority in the Nationwide Plan Review



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Task Force for Emergency Readiness (TFER) Pilot Program

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- **A FEMA / DOD Partnership to Strengthen State Catastrophic Preparedness**
 - Funds a Dedicated Planning Team Built Around a Set of Highly-skilled Planners
 - Supports Enhancement of Planning Capacity and Facilitate Planning Integration
- **TFER Planning Teams are Expected to:**
 - Assess, Assist in Revising, and Advance State Catastrophic Planning Processes
 - Build and Guide the Work of Integrated Planning Communities
 - Address Gaps in Existing Plans and Generate New Ones
- **TFER Planners Will Have Strong Backgrounds In:**
 - State and/or Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Planning
 - National Guard Civil-military Support Operations and Defense Support To Civil Authorities (DSCA)

States: Hawaii, Massachusetts, South Carolina, Washington, West Virginia
FEMA Regions: I, III, IV, IX, X



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TFER Site Selection and Funding

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- **FEMA hosted calls with NEMA, IAEM and the Homeland Security Consortium (April 28; July 10)**
 - Briefed the Pilot, obtained feedback and gauged initial interest
 - Additional outreach performed by DoD-ASD-Homeland Defense with venues and Adjutants General of the States
- **Based on initial interest and site review, 5 States were selected based on:**
 - Connectivity with other catastrophic planning projects (e.g. Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program)
 - Threat of catastrophic events
 - Variance in geographic location, emergency management structures and A total of \$1.5 million has been budgeted for a two-year period
- **\$1,00,000 in FY 2008**
 - Provided via targeted cooperative agreements between FEMA and each site
 - Individual grantees will receive \$200,000 each
- **\$500,000 in FY 2009**
 - Provided via expansion of the targeted cooperative agreements
 - Individual grantees will receive an additional \$100,000 each

The TFER pilot program is administered through the Homeland Security Preparedness Technical Assistance Program (HSPTAP)

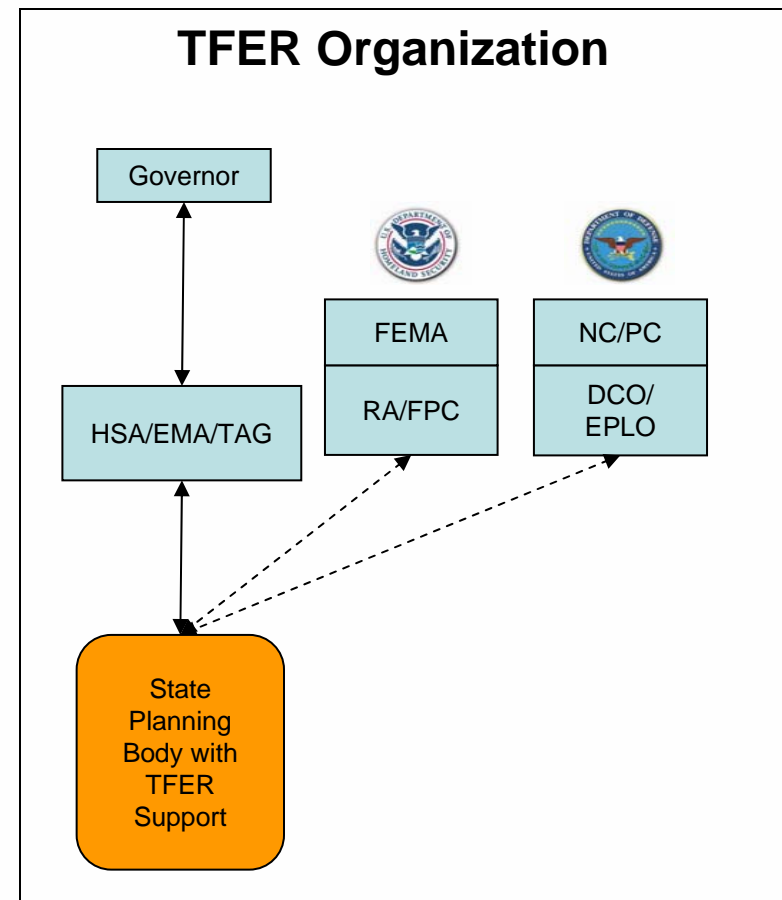


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TFER Planner Roles and Relationships

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- **TFER Planners Hired by and Work for the Sponsoring State Agency**
- **States Will Interface with Federal Partners Through Three Channels**
 - National Preparedness Directorate (NPD) Program Manager
 - FEMA Region's Federal Preparedness Coordinators (FPCs)
 - Defense Coordinating Officers and Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officers (DCOs / EPLOs)
- **TFER Planner Experience with DSCA will Strengthen Civil-Military Relationships**



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Milestones and Way Ahead

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- **States Have Begun the Hiring Process for TFER Planners**
- **4 of 5 TFER Program Management Plans Have Been Approved by FEMA/NPD**
- **FEMA and DOD Coordinating on TFER Training Event April 13 – 17, 2009**
 - Training strategy and syllabus for event have been briefed to and were well received by States
- **Evaluation NLT 12 Months Following Approval of Project Management Plans**
 - Future of the TFER program will be determined by evaluation of the pilot
- **Best Practices Shared via Lessons Learned Information Sharing (LLIS) System**



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