

Summary of **Interagency Agreements**

FEMA MITIGATION



Economic Development Administration (EDA) Department of Commerce

Signed January 1999

This agreement focuses on interagency cooperation at the Headquarters and Regional levels, specifically between the Department of Commerce's Natural Disaster Reduction Initiative (NRDI) and FEMA. EDA's role in NRDI is to provide communities impacted by natural disasters with mitigation support to save jobs and reduce the cost and damage of future disasters.

This MOU focuses on coordinating the missions of FEMA and NRDI to help communities in both the pre- and post-disaster environments.

Areas of Cooperation

- ▶ Policy coordination
- ▶ Coordination of program activities
- ▶ State and local technical assistance and planning support
- ▶ Field operations
- ▶ Public outreach and education
- ▶ Training

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Department of Energy (DOE)

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This agreement is specifically between FEMA and DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE). This document expresses the mutual agreement of both parties to utilize EERE technologies, information, expertise, and practices to help communities become more disaster resistant.

Addenda or Action Items

- ▶ Sustainable Development
- ▶ Million Solar Roofs Program
- ▶ Weatherization Assistance Program
- ▶ Technology Deployment for Disaster Mitigation
- ▶ Laboratory Technical Assistance Program
- ▶ Rebuild America Program

The above six programs are run by DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. EERE has agreed to coordinate their efforts with FEMA's Mitigation activities to provide communities with coordinated and efficient DOE/FEMA assistance.

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Department of Transportation (DOT)

Signed March 2000

This agreement is between FEMA and DOT. This document expresses the mutual agreement of both parties to utilize DOT and FEMA technologies, information, expertise, and practices to help communities become more disaster resistant.

Areas of Cooperation

- ▶ Risk Assessment and Prioritization
- ▶ Mitigation and Risk Reduction
- ▶ Preparedness
- ▶ Response and Recovery
- ▶ Land-Use Planning
- ▶ Transportation Planning
- ▶ Growth Management
- ▶ Economic Development

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US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Signed April 2000

This MOU is designed to establish and strengthen a working relationship between the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and FEMA. Generally, the agreement focuses on enhancing agency coordination, coordinating program activities, and providing technical assistance and planning support to state and local governments. The agreement also addresses the issues of field operations, resource management, public outreach, education, and training.

Addenda or Action Items

- ▶ Resource Conservation and Development Program
- ▶ Emergency Watershed and Protection Program
- ▶ Watershed Surveys and Planning
- ▶ Conservation and Technical Assistance
- ▶ Watershed Operations – Small Watershed Program
- ▶ Wetlands Reserve Program

Similar to the FEMA/DOE agreement, NRCS has agreed to work with FEMA to coordinate these NRCS programs with FEMA's mitigation efforts at the community level.

Proposed Cooperative Pilot

This pilot is designed to help two communities address specific small dam issues and to implement measures designed to reduce and/or eliminate identified flood risks.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Department of Commerce

Signed May 2000

NOAA has the capability to provide strong support for communities, particularly in the arena of their Coastal Zone Management Program. This document expresses the mutual agreement of both parties to utilize NOAA and FEMA technologies, information, expertise, and practices to help communities become more disaster resistant.

Addenda or Action Items

- ▶ Risk Assessment and Prioritization
- ▶ Mitigation and Risk Reduction
- ▶ Preparedness
- ▶ Response and Recovery
- ▶ Land-Use Planning
- ▶ Environmental Management and Coastal & Marine Resource Conservation
- ▶ Public-Private, Interagency, and International Partnership Development
- ▶ Growth Management
- ▶ Economic Development

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Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Signed August 2000

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Addenda or Action Items

- ▶ National Estuary Program
- ▶ Marine Pollution Control Program
- ▶ Source Water Protection Program
- ▶ Watershed Approach and Watershed Academy
- ▶ Wetlands Program
- ▶ American Indian Environmental Programs
- ▶ Nonpoint Source Control Program
- ▶ Municipal Support and Small Communities Programs
- ▶ Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program
- ▶ Effluent Guidelines Program

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Rural Utilities Service, USDA

Signed January 2001

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Addenda or Action Items

- ▶ Risk Assessment and Prioritization
- ▶ Mitigation and Risk Reduction
- ▶ Preparedness and Emergency Management
- ▶ Response and Recovery
- ▶ Land-Use Planning
- ▶ Environmental Planning and Management
- ▶ Watershed Health and Restoration
- ▶ Protection of Rural Telecommunications Systems
- ▶ Sustaining and Protecting Rural Electrical Programs and Systems
- ▶ Developing and Protecting Rural Electrical Programs and Systems
- ▶ Ecosystem Planning and Management
- ▶ Resource Growth Management
- ▶ Economic Development

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US Forest Service, USDA

Signed September 2000

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Addenda or Action Items

- ▶ Natural hazard risk assessment, management and reduction
- ▶ Preparedness and emergency management
- ▶ State, regional and local mitigation planning
- ▶ Community level action plans
- ▶ National Forest level planning
- ▶ Cooperative Fire planning
- ▶ Resource Conservation and Development Councils
- ▶ Regional and state associations
- ▶ Large-scale watershed health, restoration, and management
- ▶ Economic Action Program activities
- ▶ Sustainable natural resource management and development

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US Geological Survey (USGS)

Signed October 2000

This agreement encourages interagency cooperation to advance mutual objectives.

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Addenda or Action Items

- ▶ Policy coordination
- ▶ Coordination of program activities
- ▶ State and local technical assistance and planning support
- ▶ Field operations
- ▶ Public outreach and education
- ▶ Resource management
- ▶ FEMA/USGS participation in the National Digital Orthophoto Partnership Program

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National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Signed November 2000

This agreement is designed to advance mutual objectives through FEMA initiatives, and NASA's Earth Science Enterprise. This cooperative effort will attempt to align NASA's natural hazards research and development activities with the operational requirements of emergency management practitioners. The agreement also will help FEMA and other emergency management entities utilize new science and space technologies.

Addenda or Action Items

- ▶ Policy coordination
- ▶ Coordination of program activities
- ▶ State and local technical assistance and planning support
- ▶ Field operations
- ▶ Public outreach and education
- ▶ Resource management
- ▶ Participation in a Joint Working Group on Technologies and Emergency Management

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Department of the Army Office of the Assistant Secretary (Civil Works) US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

Signed March 2001

This MOA was developed to improve cooperation and coordination between FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) open space acquisition projects and the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) flood damage reduction levee projects. The agreement is designed to promote consistency between these agencies' projects and establishes a standard process for addressing existing conflicts.

The MOA primarily focuses on joint coordination procedures at the earliest stages of project development to ensure that HMGP acquired lands are permanently preserved for open space uses.

Joint Coordination Procedures

- ▶ FEMA regional offices and USACE district offices coordinate on an on-going basis to make certain that local governments understand that the acceptance of HMGP funds for the purchase of flood-prone properties precludes any later construction of flood damage reduction levees on those parcels.
- ▶ Local governments developing HMGP acquisition projects undergo a pre-application planning process, in cooperation with the USACE district office, to assist community applicants in making an informed decision that fully considers both structural and non-structural measures before proceeding with an open space acquisition project.
- ▶ The appropriate FEMA regional office and USACE district office coordinate prior to the commencement of an acquisition project or flood damage reduction levee project, respectively, to avoid landuse incompatibilities.