



Dear NHMA Membership & Friends,

The NHMA Board of Directors and the Special Projects Management Team (PMT) have authorized the release of a multi-year Request for Proposals (RFP) regarding the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Curriculum. First, some background on NHMA.

The Natural Hazard Mitigation Association (NHMA) is a 501 (c)3 Educational Charity and Non-Profit. The Mission, 5-year Strategic Goals and organizational information can be found here. NHMA started as volunteers presenting materials that practitioners in the fields of floodplain management, hazard mitigation and climate adaptation desired to hear more about and to support local and state development of higher standards designed to reduce future disasters.

NHMA became a CTP through formal agreement with FEMA in August of 2013. Since that time NHMA has completed work on 6 grants for FYs 2012 through 2017. An enormous amount of grant support has been in the form of NHMA subject matter expert (SME) volunteer leverage. Over the years, the value of leverage has ranged between 4 to 10 dollars for every federal grant dollar. The major accomplishments have been the establishment of the Resilient Neighbors Network (RNN), the Disaster Risk Reduction Ambassador Curriculum, numerous publications and establishing and maintaining an array of partnerships.

The DRR-A Curriculum currently includes 24 complete modules. The curriculum started with the development of the legal concepts (liability and the takings issue) of floodplain management. These concepts were presented in lectures, publications, and workshops, starting in 2004 and later through the newly formed NHMA in 2008 and 2009. The module development was guided by extensive surveys as part of the FY 2014 CTP Grant (Understanding Lessons Learned). Most of the modules have been presented at in person workshops, conferences, and professional meetings. Many of the presentations have been simulcast via webinars and recorded.

The attached RFP is about a partnership with an institute of higher education that will span multiple years and result in a fully operational, deployed, and credentialed program of Natural Hazard Mitigation Professional. We have also attached the recently-released Special Projects Business Management Plan, which includes more detail on the DRR Curriculum, and the steps needed to reach a credentialed status. On behalf of NHMA, I invite you to prepare and submit a proposal. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Thank you so much for your time and interest.

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