

October 1, 2012

RE: SAVE THE DATE – NATIONAL EARTHQUAKE PROGRAM MANAGERS MEETING

Dear Earthquake Program Manager:

On behalf of the Federal Emergency Management, the Cascadia Region Earthquake Workgroup, Northeast States Emergency Consortium, the Central US Earthquake Consortium, and the Western States Seismic Policy Council, we would like to invite you to join other State and Territorial Earthquake Program Managers for the 2013 National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program – Earthquake Program Managers Meeting. The meeting will take place at the Marriott Courtyard Seattle Downtown/Lake Union, in Seattle, Washington on April 30 – May 1, 2013 with an optional FEMA National Earthquake Technical Assistance Training scheduled for May 2, 2013.

The goal of the meeting is to continue dialogue and relationship building between State Earthquake Program Managers and key stakeholders as well as to carry forward the tremendous momentum from last year's National Earthquake Conference in Memphis. By bringing together federal, regional and state earthquake programs, as well as the earthquake consortia, attendees will walk away with a greater understanding of the "state" of the earthquake program on multiple levels, learn about current best practices, and perhaps identify strategic partnerships that can be developed and leveraged to improve and promote earthquake safety.

The National Earthquake Program Managers Meeting is intended for Regional and FEMA-funded State and Multi-State Earthquake Program Managers who have the day-to-day responsibility for carrying out various program activities in support of the National Earthquake Hazard Reduction Program (NEHRP).

As the program committee continues to develop the meeting agenda, we would appreciate your feedback on what topics and training <u>YOU</u> are interested in. A brief survey has been developed and is accessible at: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XT3PBJD

More detailed information, including meeting and hotel registration, can be found online at <u>www.eqprogram.net</u>. If you have any general questions at this time, or questions regarding registration, we invite you to contact Heidi Kandathil at 206-790-0923 or <u>hkandathil@crew.org</u>.

We look forward to seeing you next year in Seattle!

Sincerely,

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