

## FISCAL YEAR 2015 CYCLE BREAKOUT GUIDANCE

### BACKGROUND STATEMENT BY FEMA

"To determine how to re-allocate funding most effectively, FEMA evaluated the capabilities of its 9 partners to determine which could support each of the five allowable state assistance activities (see above). This involved reaching out to the FEMA Regional Earthquake Program Managers who contacted the eligible States/Territories to provide a list of activities that support was being requested for. The activities were placed on a spreadsheet which was consolidated and prioritized. The challenge was to balance support requests against the capabilities and capacities of the nine groups, weigh the requests against the NEHRP mission and goals, and create the most effective package of activities based on the available resources. After a prioritized list was created, FEMA began dialoguing with the consortia and partners about their assigned activities and received feedback and adjustments to project lists.

Beginning in FY 14, FEMA will be improving the process by providing more transparency and more direct interaction with the eligible States/Territories following receipt of their needs requests. At the upcoming National Earthquake Program Managers meeting in May a portion of the meeting will be spent better defining this process and identifying improvements to be included beginning with the FY 15 funding cycle."

### FEMA FY 15 CYCLE STATE ASSISTANCE SUPPORT PROCESS OVERVIEW

- State and territories input will be needed on or before September 1 of this year for the FY15 cycle which begins on October 1, 2014.
- Input may be received any time by either the applicable Regional Earthquake Program Managers or Wendy Phillips at Headquarters.
- All state and territories input received will be compiled by FEMA for all states and territories.
- FEMA Headquarters, working with FEMA regional Earthquake Program Managers and consortia/partners will consider all requested support and reach out to states/territories as needed to verify requirements.
- Based on overall FEMA NEHRP funding, FEMA will consolidate and prioritize the requested activities and develop a list of national, regional and state/territory specific activities intended to maximize the impact on the greatest number of people and in support of FEMA/NEHRP program requirements
- Requested activities, as before, should be described with an estimate of cost and any key details about requirements and the benefits that would occur.
- Questions should be directed to Wendy Phillips, FEMA Headquarters.

PLEASE DISCUSS DURING YOUR BREAKOUT SESSION AND BE PREPARED TO REPORT OUT IN THE PLENARY SESSION. THANK YOU, NEPM PLANNING COMMITTEE.