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Conference Call: FEMA and ASFPM

Subject: State Business Plans

Date: October 30, 2003

Participants: FEMA Washington - Mary Jean Pajak, Anne Flowers, Cindy Croxdale
FEMA Region V - Ken Hinterlong, Lee Traeger
ASFPM - Alan Lulloff, Mark Riebau

I. Relationship between CAP-MAP, CAP-SSSE and CTP

In developing State Business Plans some activities can be undertaken under CAP-MAP. Those activities require a 25% match, similar to CAP-SSSE. Activities under a CTP Agreement require no match. ASFPM asked if the match for CAP-MAP was required by law, as it is for CAP-SSSE. FEMA will check and provide a response at the next call.

II. Study Priorities for Incorporation in State Business Plans

ASFPM requested a copy of the complete county priority list used by FEMA in establishing funding priorities for FY03, by decile, and copies of the data sets used to create the ranking. This information would be useful to states as they develop their State business plan.

ASFPM also requested a copy of a December, 2002 report that summarizes CTP initiatives so it could be distributed to the Work Group.

ASFPM agreed to follow-up by e-mail with a description of the requested information.

III. Funding Priorities for FY04

ASFPM inquired about the status of establishing priorities for FY04. FEMA stated that guidance is being developed, but has not yet been finalized and distributed to the Regions. The guidance will require Regions to consult with states for their recommendations.

IV. State Business Plan Work Group

ASFPM provided a brief summary of the status and progress of the State Business Plan Work Group. ASFPM noted that the powerpoint presentation developed by FEMA describing the objectives, assumptions, and estimated costs of Map Mod poses excellent questions that will require collaboration between FEMA, states and all cooperating partners to answer. Some of the questions posed include:

- What should be our definition of success?

- What should be the relative weight or risk vs. area or miles of flood source?
- Do the Atlanta Factors and our risk number properly weight risk?
- Can we use our technical justification to support our definition of success?

V. ASFPM May 12, 2003 Resolution on Map Modernization

ASFPM sent Anthony Lowe a letter (dated May 30, 2003) transmitting a resolution on Map Modernization passed by its Board of Directors at the ASFPM Annual Conference in St. Louis. The resolution urged FEMA to adopt and enforce technical quality assurance standards for Map Mod including a requirement that floodplain delineations match best available topographic information. ASFPM asked if the technical quality assurance standards proposed in this resolution were being factored into Map Mod implementation. FEMA assured ASFPM that the technical standard were being followed and that bad data would not be digitized and reproduced under Map Mod.

VI. Miscellaneous

- ASFPM asked if a decision has been reached regarding a face-to-face between the State Business Plan Work Group and FEMA. A meeting between FEMA HQ and the Regions will be held December 9-11 in Chicago to discuss the development of Regional Business Plans and it has been suggested that the Work Group could meet in Chicago concurrently. That would provide an opportunity for some joint meetings between the Work Group and FEMA. FEMA Region V said meeting space could be provided for the Work Group at the Regional office. FEMA will advise ASFPM at the next conference call whether a joint meeting will be possible.
- ASFPM asked if FEMA's "Blue Book" describing general costs for elements of a mapping project should be used in the development of State Business Plans. FEMA stated that the estimates were compiled to provide a broad national estimate of the total Map Mod effort, but would probably not be appropriate on a state-by-state basis due to regional differences in costs.
- The next conference calls were set for November 13 and December 4, at 3 PM (Eastern)/2 PM (Central).