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Conference Call: State Business Plan Work Group

Subject: State, local and regional government involvement in Flood Map Modernization

Date: October 29, 2003

Participants: Rich Zingarelli-MA, Bill Nechamen-NY, Mike Powell-DE, Lisa Jones-SC, John Dorman-NC Alan Lulloff-WI, Mark Ogden-OH, Jim Williams-NE, Brian Hyde-CO, Bill DeGroot-Denver UD&FCD, Tom Christensen-CA, Ricardo Pineda-CA, I-Ming Cheng-CA, Jerry Franklin-WA, Dan Sokol-WA, Mark Riebau-ASFPM

I. CTP Agreements and Mapping Activity Statements

Brian Hyde reported on the information he collected from states and regional governments earlier this year. Brian obtained copies of some CTP agreements that were in place with FEMA, copies of Mapping Activity Statements that had been developed, and information from some states that plan to manage their own study contractors for Flood Map Modernization. Brian presented a summary of this information at the ASFPM conference in St. Louis as well as a report on the problems encountered in trying to finalize the agreements. It was felt that an index or summary of the information may be valuable in completing State Business Plans.

ACTION ITEM 1: (a) Brian Hyde will send a copy of the documents collected by the Building State Capacity subcommittee for the ASFPM annual meeting in St. Louis to ASFPM for review.(b) Alan Lulloff, Brian Hyde and Mark Riebau will discuss how to best relay the substance of the information to the members of this work group and ultimately to states for use in developing the Business Plan.

II. Federal Floodplain Mapping Codes and Regulations

Jim Williams reported on his research of United States Code (USC) and the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) to document FEMA's legal responsibility to map floodplains. Jim submitted a well documented memo paraphrasing all laws passed by congress and FEMA's regulations since the inception of the National Flood Insurance Program in 1968. Jim volunteered to revise the memo to a "stand-alone" document that can be posted with the summary of our conference calls.

Alan Lulloff noted that specific language in the appropriations bill for Map Mod gave special deference to states in establishing study priorities.

ACTION ITEM 2: (a) Alan Lulloff will transmit the Congressional Committees' Report language associated with the FY03 and FY04 appropriations for the Flood Map Modernization Fund to Jim. (b) Jim Williams will incorporate the Congressional Committees' Report language into the document and revise the memorandum he wrote, dated October 27, to a "stand alone" document that can be made available as a reference. (c) Mark Riebau will transmit the revised document to Merrie Inderfurth and Rebecca Quinn for review and comment.

III. FEMA's Presentation on Multi-Hazard Flood Map Modernization

In mid October, FEMA Region V made a presentation related to Map Mod at their fall meeting with States. In the power point, FEMA raises several questions related to Multi-Hazard Flood

Map Modernization implementation. Alan Lulloff sent the Work Group a copy of the content of the presentation and suggested that we should try to answer the questions as part of developing guidelines or recommendations for State Business Plans. Refer to e-mail from Alan to the Work Group dated October 29 for a copy of the presentation and questions.

ACTION ITEM 3: Review questions prior to the next conference call.

IV. List of Map Mod Activities

The list of "Map Mod Activities" developed at a meeting at EMI in November 2002 had been distributed initially on October 17 with the summary of the October 15th conference call. The list should be reviewed with the idea of adding, deleting or modifying activities to develop a comprehensive list of activities that states could assume.

John Dorman noted that Region IV provided a list of Map Mod activities that would be of value in editing the list created at EMI. John sent a copy to all Work Group members. John indicated that in addition to the items on this list, North Carolina is petitioning FEMA to be allowed to directly collect fees associated with processing LOMCs.

ACTION ITEM 4: (a) Mark Riebau to resend the "list of activities" to all Work Group members; (b) Work Group will review, edit and return the list to ASFP; (c) Mark Riebau will consolidate comments and return list to Work Group. Action Item 4 to be completed prior to next conference call.

V. Miscellaneous

- To be sure everyone is working with the same State Business Plan Template, the most recent version will be resent to the Work Group
- Some states are having their business plan written by consultants. Several of the consultants writing State Business Plans have offered to participate in the Work Group. It was concluded that, in order to prevent the Work Group from becoming too large to be effective and pending concurrence by FEMA, Alan Lulloff and Mark Riebau would initiate a separate conference call with the consultants and provide a "bridge" for the flow of information between the two groups. All States will be queried to find out if they have consultants developing their Business Plan and if they would like them to participate.
- John Dorman mentioned that GAO was studying Map Mod and would be completing their report to Congress in the near future. He suggested the GAO investigators should be advised of the creation of this Work Group and an invitation extended to offer any additional information that might be useful for their report.
- Bill DeGroot asked how regional entities are going to be involved in Business Plan development. Alan indicated that it was his understanding that States are to include Regional entities in the Business Plan for their State. Where the State is not developing the State Business Plan, the FEMA Regional Office will be developing the plan and would be responsible for identifying the role of regional and local entities in Flood Map Modernization implementation for that State.
- Ricardo Pineda noted that, due to budget deficits, their mapping program was going to be cut. He also noted that they are facing a serious issue with the de-certification of levees and the conundrum of having large tracts of developed lands behind levees remapped as being in the SFHA.
- An agenda item for the next conference call will be the identification of date(s) for a face-to-face meeting of the Work Group.
- Another agenda item for the next conference call will be a discussion of what to use for estimating study costs for State Business Plans

ACTION ITEM 5: Mark Riebau to contact GAO investigators to advise them of creation of Work Group

