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Important Resources

2008 Flood Resource Center
www.flood2008.iowa.gov

Apply for assistance
FEMA Registration
1-800-621.3362

Volunteer
Iowa Concern Hot Line
1-800-447-1985

www.flood2008.iowa.gov
(*Volunteer Opportunities* link in Navigation box)

Donate
Embrace Iowa 515.447.4222
www.embraceiowa.org

Safeguard Iowa Partnership
www.flood2008.iowa.gov
(*Donations* link in Navigation box)

More Than \$650 Million in Aid Approved

Iowa homeowners, renters, businesses, and government and non-profit entities have been approved for more than \$650 Million in disaster assistance.

As of September 24, \$652.8 million has been approved in the following categories:

Housing Assistance, \$113.0 million;

Other Needs Assistance, \$15.1 million;

Small Business Administration Loans, \$231.7 million;

Public Assistance Obligated, \$242.1 million.

The deadline for affected residents to apply for Individual assistance has been extended from Sept. 29 to Oct. 31. The Individual Assistance program includes assistance for temporary disaster housing and for the repair

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Waterloo residents distribute sandbags in June. Photo by Patsy Lynch, FEMA.

Rebuild Iowa Advisory Commission Shifts Focus

The Rebuild Iowa Advisory Commission (RIAC) will resume meetings on Oct. 1, shifting its focus to long-range recommendations.

On Sept. 2, the RIAC completed its first phase of work with the submission of the Commission's 45-Day Report to Governor Chet Culver. The 45-Day Report was a culmination of the findings presented and discussed at five RIAC meetings and meetings of the nine Rebuild Iowa Recovery Task Forces, and it focused on damage assessments and immediate needs. The 45-Day Report is available online at www.rio.iowa.gov.

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More Than \$650 Million in Aid Approved for Individuals, Public Facilities

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of disaster-damaged homes, returning them to livable condition. Residents may also be eligible for Other Needs Assistance programs for serious, disaster-related needs and expenses not covered by insurance or other assistance programs. Seventy-eight counties were designated for Individual Assistance. Homeowners, renters, private non-profit organizations and businesses of all sizes may also be eligible for low-interest disaster loans from the Small Business Administration. (For a list of counties included in the Presidential Disaster Declaration, see page 3.)

For information on registering for assistance, see the box on the right.

Eighty-four counties have been designated for Public Assistance. Public Assistance funds pay the approved cost of debris removal, emergency services related to the disaster and repairing or replacing damaged public facilities, such as roads, buildings and utilities.

How to Register for Assistance

Individuals may register for assistance online at www.fema.gov anytime or by calling toll-free **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)** or (TTY) **1-800-462-7585** for those with hearing or speech impairments. Representatives are available from **6 a.m.-11 p.m., seven days a week.**

Applicants may also call those numbers to check on the status and update their applications or report any additional damage.

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In Executive Order 7, Governor Culver charged the Commission with submitting a second report encompassing its comprehensive long-term vision for rebuilding a safer, stronger and better Iowa. This report will be submitted to Governor Culver no later than Nov. 17 – 120 days after the initial meeting of the RIAC.



RIAC is a 15-person, bipartisan commission whose members chair nine task forces focused on specific issues. The Commission reports to Lt. Governor Patty Judge, who is executive director of the Rebuild Iowa Office (RIO), which coordinates all state recovery activities. Major General Dardis of the Iowa National Guard serves as the Commission's chairman. The Commission, RIO and the nine task forces were established by the Governor's Executive Order 7. For more information, visit www.rio.iowa.gov.

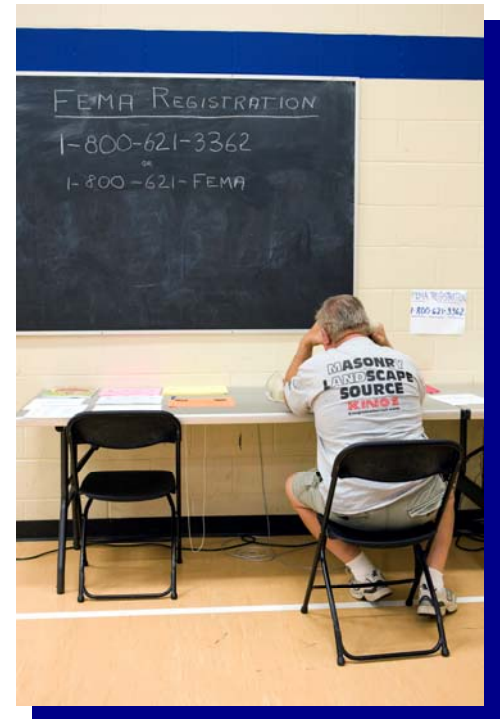
What: Rebuild Iowa Advisory Commission meeting
Where: State Historical Building, 600 E. Locust St., Des Moines, 3rd Floor, Classrooms A and B
When: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Visit the 2008 Flood Resource Center
www.flood2008.iowa.gov

85 Counties Receive Presidential Disaster Declaration

These counties have received a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance (PA), Individual Assistance (IA) or both.

1. Adair County—IA/PA
2. Adams County—IA/PA
3. Allamakee County—IA/PA
4. Appanoose County—IA/PA
- 5. Audubon County—IA**
6. Benton County—IA/PA
7. Black Hawk County—IA/PA
8. Boone County—IA/PA
9. Bremer County—IA/PA
10. Buchanan County—IA/PA
11. Butler County—IA/PA
- 12. Carroll County—PA**
13. Cass County—IA/PA
14. Cedar County—IA/PA
15. Cerro Gordo County—IA/PA
- 16. Cherokee County—PA**
17. Chickasaw County—IA/PA
18. Clarke County—IA/PA
19. Clayton County—IA/PA
20. Clinton County—IA/PA
21. Crawford County—IA/PA
22. Dallas County—IA/PA
23. Davis County—IA/PA
24. Decatur County—IA/PA
25. Delaware County—IA/PA
26. Des Moines County—IA/PA
27. Dubuque County—IA/PA
28. Fayette County—IA/PA
29. Floyd County—IA/PA
30. Franklin County—IA/PA
31. Fremont County—IA/PA
32. Greene County—IA/PA
33. Grundy County—IA/PA
34. Guthrie County—IA/PA
35. Hamilton County—IA/PA
36. Hancock County—IA/PA
37. Hardin County—IA/PA
38. Harrison County—IA/PA
39. Henry County—IA/PA
40. Howard County—IA/PA
41. Humboldt County—IA/PA
42. Iowa County—IA/PA
43. Jackson County—IA/PA
44. Jasper County—IA/PA
45. Johnson County—IA/PA
46. Jones County—IA/PA
47. Keokuk County—IA/PA
48. Kossuth County—IA/PA
49. Lee County—IA/PA
50. Linn County—IA/PA
51. Louisa County—IA/PA
52. Lucas County—IA/PA
- 53. Lyon County—PA**
54. Madison County—IA/PA
55. Mahaska County—PA/IA
56. Marion County—IA/PA
57. Marshall County—IA/PA
58. Mills County—IA/PA
59. Mitchell County—IA/PA
60. Monona County—IA/PA
61. Monroe County—IA/PA
62. Montgomery County—IA/PA
63. Muscatine County—IA/PA
64. Page County—IA/PA
- 65. Palo Alto County—PA**
- 66. Pocahontas County—PA**
67. Polk County—IA/PA
68. Pottawattamie County—IA/PA
69. Poweshiek County—IA/PA
70. Ringgold County—IA/PA
71. Scott—IA/PA
72. Story—IA/PA
73. Tama—IA/PA
- 74. Taylor—PA**
75. Union—IA/PA
76. Van Buren—IA/PA
77. Wapello—IA/PA
78. Warren—IA/PA
79. Washington—IA/PA
- 80. Wayne—PA**
81. Webster—IA/PA
82. Winnebago—IA/PA
83. Winneshiek—IA/PA
84. Worth—IA/PA
85. Wright—IA/PA



A Johnson County resident places a call to FEMA to register for federal aid. Photo by Susie Sharpira, FEMA.

HSEMD To Host FEMA Training

Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (HSEMD) will host a free Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)-sponsored and funded Local Hazard Mitigation Planning Workshop on October 15-16. The target audience for this workshop is the local or regional planners who will be writing and/or updating Local Hazard Mitigation Plans that are compliant with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000, Public Law 106-390).

The "Mitigation Planning Workshop for Local Governments" is a field-deployed version of a workshop originally given at FEMA's Emergency Management Institute. Upon completion of the workshop, the participants should have a clear understanding of the "Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000" and the requirements for obtaining FEMA approval of the communities' hazard mitigation initial plan or update. Due to the high number of new planning grant awards and the fact that there is no certainty of when we will be able to host another workshop, it is strongly recommended that all new planners attend this valuable training session. The seasoned planner will also find this workshop to be a beneficial refresher with plenty of FEMA and state updates being presented.

HSEMD mitigation staff will also be presenting directions on completing

the new requirements to identify completed mitigation measures and how to complete the Mitigation Data Collection Sheet.

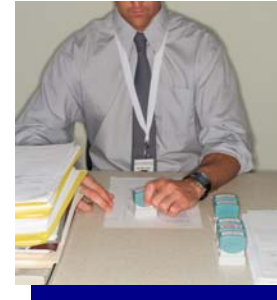
Date: October 15-16

Time: Registration is from 9-9:30 a.m. The class begins promptly at 9:30 a.m.

Location: Iowa National Guard Joint Forces Headquarters (formerly STARC Armory), 6100 NW 78th Avenue, Johnston, Iowa

To enroll, please contact **Jennifer Handeland** at **515-251-3556** or Jennifer.handeland@iowa.gov for an application and instructions before Oct. 1. If you registered for the June course please submit a new enrollment application. An e-mail confirmation of enrollment and final course details including itinerary and map to Camp Dodge will be emailed out on or about Oct. 8, 2008.

Travel, food and lodging are the sole responsibility of the attendee and will not be reimbursed by the State of Iowa or FEMA. Please contact Jennifer for a draft agenda and hotel listing for the area.



Warren County Receives EOC Grant

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is pleased to announce the allocation of the FY2008 Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Grant Program.

In Iowa, the Warren County EOC was awarded a grant for renovation in the amount of \$134,468.

Fully capable emergency operations facilities at the state, local and tribal levels are essential to a comprehensive national emergency management system, ensuring continuity of both operations and government in major disasters caused by any hazard. Funds are provided as authorized by Section 614 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C 5196c), as amended by Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (P.L. 110-53). \$14,572,500 is available for grants for construction or renovation of a State, local, or tribal government's principal EOC.

Additional questions may be directed to your FEMA program analyst or the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk at askcsid@dhs.gov or **1-800-368-6498**.

2008 Homeland Security Grant Program Update

HSEMD is working to allocate just under \$6.7 million received under the 2008 Homeland Security Grant Program.

Currently, HSEMD is working on allocation of 15 investment areas that were submitted to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for consideration. Prioritization of each project is under way and final allocations are expected to be completed by the end of September.

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HSEMD Mission

Lead, coordinate, and support homeland security and emergency management functions in order to establish sustainable communities and ensure economic opportunities for Iowa and its citizens.

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HSEMD Welcomes Two New Employees

Stefanie Bond joined the division on Sept. 5. She replaces Kara Berg as the public affairs specialist in the communications bureau. Stefanie's duties will include working on the HSEMD newsletter and Web site as well as media relations and public awareness campaigns.

Stefanie came to HSEMD from the Iowa Lottery, where she worked for nearly five years in the marketing department interviewing lottery winners, producing press releases, newsletters and podcasts and managing the lottery's state fair booth.

Prior to working at the lottery, Stefanie spent three and a half years at the Iowa Department of Natural Resources planning conferences and working with environmental volunteers and the state's ambient water monitoring program.

Stefanie earned her B.A. in English from the University of Northern Iowa in 1997. She currently lives in West



Stefanie Bond

Des Moines. When she's not working, Stefanie spends her time traveling, taking photos, watching movies, attending productions at the Civic Center or Des Moines Playhouse, enjoying live music and attempting home improvement projects.



Whitney Baethke

Whitney Baethke's first day with the division was Sept. 19. She is the new clerk specialist within the homeland security bureau, where she will be handling records management, scheduling and anything else Tom, Vicki or Kyle throw her way!

Whitney spent most of her time growing up in Eddyville. In May she graduated from Central College in Pella, where she majored in political science and played volleyball. She also met her husband Tyler while at Central. The two were married in July and in August they moved to Newton, where Tyler works as the IT director and coaches football for the Newton School District.