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Apply Now for Community Disaster Grants

Applications for the \$22 million Community Disaster Grant are due April 1, 2009. Applications, which are available at www.iowahomelandsecurity.org, can be sent in electronically to cdg@iowa.gov or by certified mail if postmarked by April 1.

The new allocations, which now more accurately reflect actual damages, are also available at the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Web site, as well as a listing of the eligible 85 counties and incorporated cities.



The grant is intended to help cities and counties pay for unmet disaster needs from the floods of 2008. There are six very broad eligible categories for these funds. Ω

Important Resources

2008 Flood Resource Center
www.flood2008.iowa.gov

For the latest in disaster funding information, visit the Rebuild Iowa Web site at www.rio.iowa.gov.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Governor's 6th Annual Homeland Security Conference will be **Oct. 5-7, 2009**, at the Sheraton West Des Moines. More information to follow as the date gets closer. See you there!

Severe Weather Awareness Week 2009

The Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division and the National Weather Service have designated April 6-10, 2009, as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Iowa.

During Severe Weather Awareness Week, HSEMD will promote individual and family preparedness on the BeReadyIowa! Web site at beready-iowa.org. In addition, the National Weather Service will promote severe weather safety by issuing informative public information statements. Severe Weather Awareness Week daily topics include flooding, severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, NOAA All Hazards



Radio, and family preparedness. The highlight of the week will be a state-wide tornado drill on Wednesday, April 8, 2009. Schools, businesses, state agencies and individuals are strongly encouraged to participate in the drill. Details about the tornado drill can be found at www.crh.noaa.gov/dmx/ under the Additional News Headlines link. Ω

Training Opportunities



EOC Management and Operations (G775)

This course describes the interface between the on-scene Incident Command and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC); how to encourage officials to respond to the EOC; and the role, design and functions of the EOC and their importance as a component of the multi-agency coordination system.

The following regions currently have this training scheduled:

Region 1 – April 9-10, Ames
ISU EHS Learning Center
Contact **Liz Manion** at
515.382.7229 to register.

Region 2 – May 20-21, Charles City
Ft. Dodge Animal Health Auditorium
To register, go to the HSEMD training Web site at <http://hls.extension.iastate.edu/calendar>.

Region 3 – April 22-23, Spirit Lake
Contact **Michael Ehret** at
712.336.3987 to register.

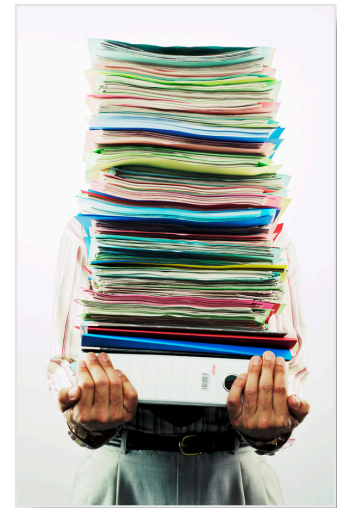
Region 4 – June 11-12, Creston
Contact **Jo Duckworth** at
641.782.1622 to register.



CARVER Methodology

The nation's critical infrastructures face a myriad of physical and technical threats. These threats, whether natural or man-made, accidental or intentional, each carry a certain level of risk that could compromise national security, public safety and the economy. CARVER training (Critical Accessibility Recognizability Vulnerability Effect Recoverability) will offer participants an opportunity to learn how to plan and conduct a vulnerability assessment. The U.S. Department of Defense uses CARVER as an offensive target analysis tool and it has become a very effective defensive tool for critical infrastructure protection.

HSEMD will host two CARVER training sessions. Targeted personnel include analysts, assessors, incident planners, executive managers, law enforcement, fire and emergency management/homeland security personnel. The first training will be held May 27-29 at the State Emergency Operations Center in Johnston. The second training will take place June 1-3 at the Cerro Gordo Emergency Operations Center in Mason City. Travel and lodging are the responsibility of the participant. Interested parties can register via the HSEMD training Web site, <http://hls.extension.iastate.edu/calendar>. Questions should be directed to **Curt Sullivan** at Curt.Sullivan@iowa.gov or **Whitney Baethke** at Whitney.Baethke@iowa.gov.
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ESF Distribution Begins Soon

Iowa HSEMD has all 15 Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) in house and is working to get them ready for statewide distribution.

The first two pieces of the plan to be disseminated will be the Basic Plan and ESF 10 (Hazardous Materials). These will be distributed to all counties statewide no later than April 30, 2009.

The only planning requirement for counties for 2009 is ESF 10. There is an annual requirement (EPCRA) to update Local Hazardous Materials plans. HSEMD will accept Annex P in 2009, but strongly recommends converting to ESF 10. This single ESF is due to HSEMD by Aug. 1, 2009.

After these two pieces of the new version of the plan are disseminated (Basic and ESF 10), the rest of the ESFs will be released at a minimum of two per month. This pace will probably be accelerated if county partners are comfortable receiving them more quickly. Ω

The Small Business Administration had approved \$262 million in loans for homeowners and businesses, with \$160 million going to homeowners, and \$102 million going to businesses. Ω

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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.

We're on the Web!

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HSEMD Employees Attend Leadership Training

The Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security in partnership with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's National Preparedness Directorate, FEMA provides the educational opportunity for our nation's homeland security leaders to develop the strategies, policies and organizational elements needed to defeat terrorism in the United States.

The Executive Leaders Program consists of four week-long sessions conducted over a nine-month period in Monterey, Calif., at the Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security facilities. Participants consist of approximately thirty senior local, state, tribal, federal government, military and private sector officials with homeland security responsibilities. They are selected on

the level of their positions and homeland security responsibility as well as the homeland security knowledge and experience they bring to the table. The NPS Center for Homeland Defense and Security covers the costs of travel and lodging for each session.

HSEMD's Homeland Security Coordinator **Tom Baumgartner** recently completed his coursework and graduated from the Homeland Security Executive Leaders Program in February 2009. Alumni of the program include HSEMD Administrator Dave Miller. Assistant Homeland Security Coordinator **Vicki Morris** has been accepted into the program beginning May of 2009. For more information on the program and the Center for Homeland Defense and Security, visit www.chds.us.

2008 HSGP Rollout Meeting on April 3



Please mark your calendars: A post-award rollout meeting for the 2008 HSGP is scheduled from 10 a.m.–2:30 p.m. on Friday, April 3 at Camp Dodge. HSEMD is offering technical assistance to help you get your project started right.

is an excellent opportunity to meet with subject matter experts and to help get detailed budgets in place. Assistance will also be available to develop or refine project scopes of work based on performance measures. Depending on the level of preparation, it is possible that project managers could leave the meeting with an approved budget/scope of work and agreement articles.

For additional information about this meeting, please contact **Lynda Wessel** at lynda.wessel@iowa.gov.

HSEMD would like those attending to bring their work plans and a detailed budget for their project. This meeting