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## FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

### Fire Defense Deployment Analysis Project

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/ United States Fire Administration (USFA).

**ACTION:** Notice of funds availability for cooperative agreement.

**SUMMARY:** FEMA gives notice of the availability of funds for research and develop to update a methodology on "Fire Defense Deployment Analysis", first developed by the Rand Corporation in 1968. We (FEMA) propose to enter a cooperative agreement to conduct research and to develop an updated/current methodology.

**DATES:** Cooperative Agreement funds are immediately available. Requests for copies of the "Assistance Application Package" must be received by close of business, March 28, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Eligible/interested parties wishing to obtain a copy of the "Assistance Application Package" should contact: Gregory S. Blair, National Emergency Training Center, Building E, room 115, 16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727, (301) 447-1455, (telefax) (301) 447-1092, or (email) [greg.blair@fema.gov](mailto:greg.blair@fema.gov).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The methodology concerned, "Fire Defense Deployment Analysis", was initially developed by the Rand Corporation in 1968, on behalf of the City of New York. The Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) funded and continued research on this methodology through the mid-1970's before discontinuing it. The current methodology has not been researched or updated since the mid-1970's, and is

now over twenty-five years old. Therefore, FEMA, acting through the USFA, asks for help to conduct research and development on an updated/current methodology.

**Qualifications:** Interested sources wishing to support the National Emergency Training Center (NETC), U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), should be an "Institution of Higher Learning" (IHL) with the ability and knowledge resource base to conduct the review of the validity of public fire defense deployment methodologies that are currently referred to when identifying average public fire defense apparatus speed, point-to-point time/distance and unit availability models. Interested sources should have extensive experience and demonstrated abilities to conduct detailed analytical public policy research efforts, and should have a professional staff with a wide variety of qualifications and demonstrated understanding and knowledge of the specified subject area. Specific qualifications include:

(1) Advanced degrees that include a wide variety of related fields such as: fire protection engineering, public policy or public administration, urban studies or urban planning and operations research;

(2) Knowledge and authority of fire defense deployment analysis models demonstrated through a variety of combined venues such as: published studies and reports, lectures, instruction at the university level and consultation, particularly as to the characteristics of local land-use patterns and other features of the physical environment as well as vehicular traffic densities and pertinent cultural or demographic issues that may impact public fire defenses;

(3) Knowledge and authority in operations research demonstrated through a variety of documented venues such as published studies and reports, lectures, instruction at the university level and consultation;

(4) Experience in the development and implementation of long-range fire defense planning and fire station location models.

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## FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

### Open Meeting, Technical Mapping Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with § 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 1, the Federal Emergency Management Agency gives notice that the following meeting will be held:

**Name:** Technical Mapping Advisory Council.

**Date of Meeting:** March 13-14, 2000.

**Place:** National Geodetic Survey, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282.

**Times:** 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., both days.

### Proposed Agenda

1. Call to Order and Announcements.
2. Action on Minutes of Previous Meetings.
3. Map Modernization Updates:
  - (a) Funding Issues.
  - (b) Map Service Center.
  - (c) Coastal and Riverine Erosion Study.
  - (d) Improving the Scoping Process.
4. Council Plans for Year 2000.
5. Council Discussion of Unmapped Areas.
6. Presentations by NGS:
  - (a) Recent MGS Experience with 3-D Mapping.
  - (b) Use of GPS to Establish Base Flood Elevations.
  - (c) Topo/Bathy Project.
7. New Business.
8. Adjournment.

**Status:** This meeting is open to the public.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael K. Buckley, P.E., Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW., room 421, Washington, DC 20472, telephone (202) 646-2756 or by facsimile at (202) 646-4596.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is open to the public with limited seating available on a first-come, first-served basis. Members of the general public who plan to attend the meeting should contact Ms. Sally P. Magee, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW., room 442, Washington, DC 20472, telephone (202) 646-8242 or by facsimile at (202) 646-4596 on or before March 6, 2000.

Minutes of the meeting will be prepared and will be available upon request 30 days after they have been approved by the next Technical Mapping Advisory Council meeting.