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News from Region X

Smart Growth Implementation Assistance

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Sustainable Communities is calling for applications for its Smart Growth Implementation Assistance (SGIA) program.

The SGIA program focuses on complex or cutting-edge issues, and projects can take about 18 months to complete. These projects explore innovative ideas to overcome barriers that are preventing communities from getting the kind of development they want. Since 2005, the SGIA program has allowed the Office of Sustainable Communities to work with a diverse array of communities from across the country on issues such as stormwater management, code revision, transit-oriented development, affordable housing, infill development, corridor planning, green building, and climate change.

Local governments, tribes, states, regions, and nonprofits that have a partnership with a government entity are invited to submit proposals under one of four categories.

1. Community Resilience to Disasters and Climate Change
2. Redevelopment for Job Creation
3. The Role of Manufactured and Modular Homes in Sustainable Neighborhood Design
4. Medical and Social Services Facilities Siting

Applications are due March 1.

More information can be found at www.epa.gov.

Partnership for Sustainable Communities is an interagency partnership of HUD, DOT, and EPA. You can also follow EPA Smart Growth on Twitter @EPAsmartgrowth.

Community Roles in LOMC Process

STARR has put together a white paper that explains the role(s) a community has during each of the Letter of Map Change (LOMC) Processes.

The following LOMC processes are covered.

- LOMA – Letter of Map Amendment
- CLOMA – Conditional Letter of Map Amendment
- LOMR – Letter of Map Revision
- LOMR-F – Letter of Map Revision Based on Fill
- CLOMR-F – Conditional Letter of Map Revision Based on Fill
- LOMR-FW – Letter of Map Revision Based on Floodway

The paper is available on the Region X workspace at starr-team.com.

Ask the Help Desk

Have a question? Let us help! Email RegionXHelpDesk@starr-team.com.

RiskMAP

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FEMA Emergency Management Institute Training

HAZUS-MH for Flood (E172)	May 13-16
HAZUS-MH for Floodplain Managers (E176)	March 18-21
Advanced Floodplain Management Concepts (E194)	August 26-29
Managing Floodplain Development through the NFIP (E273)	March 11-14 April 29-May 2 June 24-27 September 9-12
Retrofitting Floodprone Residential Buildings (E279)	May 6-9
Advanced Floodplain Management Concepts II (E282)	March 25-28
Advanced Floodplain Management Concepts III (E284)	July 8-11

Call the training office of your state emergency management agency, visit www.training.fema.gov, or call EMI at 1-800-238-338 to register for upcoming training opportunities.

Upcoming Events & Training

(All times Pacific)

Elevation Certificates

February 14, 10am-12:30pm
March 14, 10am-12:30pm
Online* - 2 CECs

NFIP Basics

February 8, 10am
March 13, 10am
Online* - 1 CEC

eLOMA

February 20, 10am
Online* - 1 CEC

A Practical Guide to Earthquakes in the Pacific Northwest

USGS Online Course
usgs.gov

Seismic Evaluation and Retrofit of Multi-Unit Wood-Framed Buildings with Weak First Stories

February 12, 9am-12pm
Seattle WA
eeri.org

Christchurch Earthquakes Workshop

February 12, 1pm-5pm
Seattle, WA
eeri.org

Earthquake Engineering Research Institute 65th Annual Meeting

February 12-15
Seattle, WA
eeri.org

Comprehensive Data Management for Hazus

March 26-29
Tacoma, WA
Kelly.Stone@fema.dhs.gov

NORFMA CRS Users Group

April 25, 1pm-3pm
Tacoma, WA
ddixon@co.pierce.wa.us

*To register for online courses, visit STARR's training site online at j.mp/starrwebtraining, or email RXTraining@starr-team.com.

Featured Training

eLOMA: A Powerful Tool and Vital Resource for Letter of Map Amendments

February 20, 2013 10:00 am

eLOMA is a web-based application within the Mapping Information Platform (MIP) that provides Licensed Professionals (registered surveyors and professional engineers) with a system to submit simple LOMA requests to FEMA. The tool is designed to make a determination based on the information submitted by the licensed professional and allow them to generate a determination from FEMA in minutes. eLOMA enables users to make requests for existing single residential structures or properties, provided no fill has been placed to raise the elevations of the structure or property above the BFE. Approximately half of the LOMAs processed annually (35,000 cases) meet the requirements for eLOMA. Licensed Land Surveyors and Professional Engineers are encouraged to attend.

One (1) CEC for CFMs

Presenter: Marshall Rivers, STARR

For registration information, email RXTraining@starr-team.com.

Career Opportunity

Natural Hazards Program Specialist, GS-301-9/GS-301-11/12

FEMA Region X has a Natural Hazard Program Specialist position open in Bothell, Washington.

Open Period: January 28-February 2, 2013

This position is ideal for a candidate who has experience with the principles, concepts and practices associated with the field of floodplain management and flood mitigation strategies and basic knowledge of the regulations of the National Flood Insurance Program

In this position, you will perform program management duties for the floodplain management elements of the NFIP and will support the Regional Mapping Team at the Regional office. The principle objective of the program and position is to encourage sound special flood hazard decision-making at the Federal, State and local levels of government and the private sector. The GS-9 position is a developmental position and will function under close supervision with closer review of work.

Visit www.usajobs.gov for details.

