

DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES WORKSHOP

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1. How can new technologies and approaches improve outcome, reduce costs and/or improve response times for an emergency?

A regional center of excellence that incorporates all of the latest, state of the art technologies and methodologies for disaster planning and response, will provide additional resources, know-how and improved efficiencies for local responders. This forum will reduce duplication of effort between various jurisdictions and geo-political entities.

2. If you were offered 10-15 minutes to give a short talk, what would it be?

An introduction of the Joint Venture Silicon Network Regional Disaster Resiliency Center Project.

3. What are the most pressing business, process, organization and technical issues?

The development of a collaborative regional environment/center for training, logistics and research. Funding for both start-up and on-going costs will be of key importance.

4. What is the role of university research in this area?

It is anticipated that university research will be a key element of the Disaster Resiliency Center, along with an education/training component and logistics/operations.

5. Do you want to propose and help run a new breakout group?

No, not necessary.

6. What is the most important action the DMI can take?

To facilitate the development of a collaborative forum and working environment for regional emergency responders and managers. In addition, to assist in gaining the commitment of NASA/Ames Research Center in regard to their participation in a regional disaster initiative effort.