PCEMA

Memo

To: Municipal Governments
County Government
Community School Districts/Systems

From: Doug Reed, Director

CC: Emergency Management Commission

Preparedness Partners,

I am pleased to report that we have received approval from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in regards to our required five (5) year update of the county-wide Hazard Mitigation Plan.

This plan is important to your jurisdiction, subordinate agencies, and schools when it comes to access to federal grant funds to mitigate the impacts and effects of emergencies and disaster. This update was conducted completely in-house by emergency management staff (with input from local data and information) for this first time since these plans have been required. This effort saved $60,000 in taxpayer funds. It is a very detail oriented and time intensive process that must meet very stringent federal requirements in order to be approved at the federal level and qualify our political subdivisions for access to the mitigation grant funding streams. Attached to this correspondence you will find the preliminary approval letter from FEMA, a copy of the plan, and a sample resolution for you to adopt.

If your municipality, county seat of government, school district, private school system, or community college does NOT approve, sign, and return the attached adoption resolution, you will not be eligible or have access to grant funding to implement mitigation future desired action items.

Please place the resolution on your next available agenda and provide an executed copy to Emergency Management via email at pott.ema@pottcounty-ia.gov for submission to FEMA at your earliest possible convenience. Please contact me direct at doug.reed@pottcounty-ia.gov if you have any questions.

IMPORTANT: Do NOT redistribute a copy of this plan via email or in print outside of your agency. This plan contains some information that is exempt from public disclosure under Iowa Law as well as prohibited from release under the federal Privacy Act of 1974.

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