15-Day National Engagement Period for:
Resource Typing Definitions and Job Title and Position Qualifications for
Incident Management, Search and Rescue and Mass Care

Today, FEMA releases 15 resource definitions include Incident Management, Search and Rescue, and Mass Care for a 15-day period to allow for national engagement, review, and feedback. The guidance contained in these resource types and job titles and position qualifications provides a standardized set of criteria for use by the whole community when inventorying resources and working to sustain, or build resources needed to deliver associated core capabilities. The resource typing definitions and/or job titles and position qualifications are:

Incident Management
- Liaison Officer
- Safety Officer

Search and Rescue
- Technical Squad Officer
- Technical Rescue Technician
- Search and Rescue Branch Director
- Helicopter Search and Rescue Crew Chief
- Helicopter Search and Rescue Pilot
- Helicopter Search and Rescue Technician
- Structural Collapse Search Technician
- Structural Collapse Rescue Squad Officer
- Structural Collapse Search Squad Officer

Mass Care
- Shower Unit
- Laundry Unit
- Temporary Child Care Support Service Team
- Temporary Child Care Support Service Team Lead

FEMA developed these resource typing definitions and job title and position qualifications in collaboration with emergency management, public safety practitioners, and subject matter experts. These stakeholders suggested guidance for specific overall functions, components, capabilities, and ordering specifications for this resource.

This guidance addresses standardized criteria for requests that are made under a variety of mutual aid scenarios from automatic aid to mutual aid provided through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) during declared disasters.
This guidance uses the National Incident Management System (NIMS) to provide a common and standard understanding about the tools and resources needed to sustain, build, and deliver the core capabilities necessary to achieve a secure and resilient nation. For more information on NIMS and its implementation, visit FEMA’s NIMS website.

To review and offer your comments, download the documents here. Comments must be received by March 15, 2013.

Questions can be submitted to the National Integration Center through e-mail at: FEMA-NIMS@fema.dhs.gov or by telephone: (202) 646-3850.

This effort is part of the National Preparedness System, a process that organizes the tools and resources needed promote unit of effort and achieve the National Preparedness Goal. For more information on national preparedness efforts, visit FEMA’s National Preparedness website.