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The New York Recovery Network Bulletin is an electronic dispatch produced weekly by the Sandy Federal Disaster Recovery Coordination team. The bulletin includes information, resources, news and events to serve your recovery efforts.

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Thanks for reading and keep up the good work!

FOCUS: **TECHNOLOGY COMPETITION TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES**

The New York City Economic Development Corp. announced [Resiliency Innovations for a Stronger Economy \(RISE : NYC\)](#), a competition to help small businesses impacted by Hurricane Sandy prepare for future storms, sea level rise and other effects of climate change.

Businesses and organizations worldwide may submit proposals to install innovative technologies at small businesses that sustained significant losses as a result of Hurricane Sandy and that are highly vulnerable to the effects of climate change. Up to \$30 million will be awarded to install winning technologies at businesses throughout the city.

Proposed technologies should improve the resiliency of building systems, energy infrastructure or telecommunication networks. Projects will be evaluated based on their impact and effectiveness in addressing resiliency priorities as well as their potential to be replicated citywide.

Applications are due February 28, 2014. For the application and more information, click [here](#).

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IN THE **NEWS**

ECONOMY

Staten Island leads state in employment growth post-Hurricane Sandy

Silive.com, January 28, 2014

Nearly 2,500 jobs were created in Staten Island, a gain of 3.1 percent, from June 2012 to June 2013. That increase was the largest growth in the state with most of the employment occurring in the construction trades. Wage increases during that period were above average at 8.1 percent. The statistics may be partly attributed to need for specialized workers for Hurricane Sandy rebuilding and rehabilitation.

Working conditions for day laborers improve as recovery is underway

Associated Press, January 27, 2014

Day laborers are now receiving greater protection from exposure to hazardous materials and unsafe working conditions at Hurricane Sandy recovery project sites. Advocacy groups and nonprofits are helping by teaching health and safety standards, negotiating work contracts and offering protection against wage theft.

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MITIGATION

Understanding the path to Hurricane Sandy insurance money

The New York Times, January 24, 2014

Homeowners seeking insurance reimbursements for Hurricane Sandy damages need to understand the various steps in the process. Supplemental claims must be submitted for additional or revised expenses if homeowners believe they are owed more money or if they found additional damage. A "[proof of loss](#)" form must include all [supporting documentation](#). The new deadline to submit final flood insurance claims is April 29.

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HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Freestanding emergency department planned in Long Beach

Long Beach Patch, January 27, 2014

A round-the-clock, free-staffed emergency department funded with federal money may open at the Long Beach Medical Center later this year. The financially strapped Long Beach hospital has been closed since Hurricane Sandy damaged the facility in October 2012.

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COASTAL RESILIENCY

\$5.9 million announced for Long Island Sound and storm preparedness

New Haven Register, January 20, 2014

\$5.9 million in federal grants will help preserve and enhance Long Island Sound and help coastal communities in Connecticut, New York and New Jersey better prepare for future storms. In addition to recovering and rebuilding infrastructure damaged by Hurricane Sandy, research projects to examine and improve coastal warning systems and communication processes that inform residents about storm risk and response may receive funding.

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COMMUNITY PLANNING & CAPACITY BUILDING

Google donates 700 computer tablets to senior centers in Suffolk

Longisland.com, January 27, 2014

Google donated 700 Nexus tablets to libraries and senior centers in Sandy-affected areas of Suffolk County to help people maintain their independence and stay connected with their communities, friends and families. The tablets will also be effective tools for older residents to understand the new technology and learn about available programs and services.

#ConeyRecovers collaborative grants \$80,000 to faith-based organizations

Brooklyn News Corp., January 29, 2014

With support from the American Red Cross and the Brooklyn Recovery Fund, #ConeyRecovers announced that \$80,000 has been awarded to eight faith-based organizations in Coney Island. Each group would receive \$10,000 to provide support services in the community including after-school programming, senior services, parenting skills, tutoring and other classes and programs.

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HOUSING

Stuyvesant Town residents to get post-Hurricane Sandy rent relief

Crain's New York Business, January 31, 2014

The residents of the Stuyvesant Town-Peter Cooper Village housing development near the East River were left without basic services after Hurricane Sandy caused significant damage to the complex. An agreement was reached with the landlord for a one-month rent reduction of up to 15 percent for residents living in buildings hit hardest by the storm.

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RECOVERY **EVENTS**

FEBRUARY 13: *Philanthropy New York*

Advocacy and policy communications: Where does social media fit in?

Learn to use new tools for advocacy effectively as a panel of funders and communications experts share best practices for digital engagement. Panel will include advice on how to develop comprehensive communications campaigns that integrate both new and traditional communications strategies.

FEBRUARY 18: *World Cares*

Training: leading and managing your constituents in disaster response

Participants will learn the skills to improve community preparedness and response capabilities and to effectively organize citizens to safely assist in a coordinated disaster response.

FEBRUARY 21: *Enterprise Community Partners*

Protecting your electrical switchgear

This month, Enterprise Community Partners' series provides an in-depth look at how Bailey House on Manhattan's west side coped with the impact of Hurricane Sandy, which disabled electrical, mechanical and plumbing systems.

FEBRUARY 26: *Center for Architecture*

After Sandy: recovery and resiliency at NYC's hospitals

Senior facilities executives at NYU Langone Medical Center, Bellevue Medical Center and Coney Island Hospital will present case studies on Hurricane Sandy's impact, the immediate response, post-storm recovery efforts and initiatives underway to increase resiliency.

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GRANT **DEADLINES**

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 13, 2014

Environmental workforce development and job training grants

These grants are provided for nonprofit and other eligible entities to recruit, train and place unemployed and under-employed workers.

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 13, 2014

Business resiliency investment program

New York City Economic Development Corp. is seeking a consultant or consultant team to implement the Business Resiliency Investment Program, an initiative to provide funds to assist eligible business tenants and owners to make certain improvements to enhance their resiliency against severe weather.

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2014

Hazard Mitigation and Structural Engineering program

The National Science Foundation Hazard Mitigation and Structural Engineering grants program supports fundamental research to mitigate and sustainability of natural and human-caused hazards on civil infrastructure and to advance the resiliency and sustainability of buildings and other structures.

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 28, 2014

RISE NYC

This competition seeks projects that implement innovative measures to strengthen New York City's building systems and infrastructure networks. Potential applicants include the developers, manufacturers or providers of new resiliency technologies and solutions, as well as property owners, managers and businesses.

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SANDY RECOVERY **GRANTS AWARDED**

Governor announces \$4.3 million for Smart Grid projects

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JOB **OPENINGS**

Data Analyst, Advanced Knowledge Technology Corp.

Group Supervisor, FEMA Region II

Planning Writer, FEMA Region II

Programmer Coder, FEMA Region II

Project Coordinator, Planning, FEMA Region II

Youth Preparedness Council, FEMA

Don't forget to check the USAJobs.gov website for Hurricane Sandy recovery employment. Enter "FEMA" and "New York" for FEMA's latest offerings.

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