



# Mitigation Framework Leadership Group (MitFLG)

## National Mitigation Investment Strategy A Mitigation Framework Leadership Group Initiative

### FACT SHEET

#### Why do we need a National Mitigation Investment Strategy?

Major disasters like Hurricanes Sandy and Katrina, EF-5 tornadoes in Oklahoma, and extreme weather events in Colorado and Louisiana persistently test our Nation’s capacity to adapt and recover. Federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, non-profit, and private sector organizations have accepted the challenge to make communities and critical infrastructure less susceptible to these hazards. However, each organization has different approaches, funding sources, mandates, and requirements for investing in efforts to mitigate disaster risk. This disparity has created a complicated mix of priorities and pathways through which communities must navigate if they want to build back better.

Recently, the Government Accountability Office recognized this challenge and suggested the Federal government develop a National Mitigation Investment Strategy to support the alignment of pre- and post-disaster mitigation investments.<sup>1</sup> A National Mitigation Investment Strategy (NMIS) would increase the effectiveness of investments in reducing disaster losses and increasing resilience, and provide strategic planning considerations for the federal government, as well as state local, tribal and territorial entities and the private sector in making resource allocation decisions. The Mitigation Framework Leadership Group (MitFLG) took on this challenging effort.

The MITFLG has assembled a working group of federal, state, local, tribal and territorial representatives to develop the National Mitigation Investment Strategy (NMIS or Strategy). The working group will focus on stakeholder engagement, review of research and data, and recommendation development. An Interim Strategy will be released in late summer 2017 to promote additional feedback through both the MitFLG and public engagement. The final Strategy will be complete in 2018. It is expected that the NMIS will continue to evolve in future years.

#### Desired Outcomes

The Strategy is intended to deliver actions that will lead to the following national outcomes:

- A built environment, including gray and green infrastructure, buildings and homes, that is more resilient to disasters

<sup>1</sup> HURRICANE SANDY: An Investment Strategy Could Help the Federal Government Enhance National Resilience for Future Disasters. GAO-15-515: Jul 30, 2015.

- Improved coordination of disaster risk management among Federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, and private entities
- State, local, tribal and territorial governments increasingly share fiscal responsibility for risk reduction with the federal government
- Increased private sector involvement in resilience finance
- Improved provision of Federal data and digital services to support risk-informed mitigation investment
- Improved disaster risk communication resulting in increased public, private, and individual awareness and action to reduce disaster risk

### Benefits

- New partnerships and opportunities leverage investments in communities
- Improve the effectiveness of federal assistance to the public through better coordination and alignment of programs and resources
- Increased ability of federal departments and agencies to develop and justify budgets and resources
- Increased investments by non-federal entities and increased capacity in vulnerable communities

### Stakeholder Engagement

To ensure the Strategy is inclusive and reflective of the perspectives of diverse public and private partners, the MitFLG is interested in ideas about investment from all levels of government and key stakeholders including private businesses, citizens, vulnerable and at-risk populations, critical infrastructure sectors, and non-profit, academic, and philanthropic organizations. Below are topics of interest for which we would like to generate dialogue:

- **Resilient Built Environment**
- **Coordination of Disaster Risk Management among Federal, State, Local, Tribal, Territorial, and Private Entities**
- **State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Governments Sharing Fiscal Responsibility for Risk Reduction with the Federal Government**
- **Private Sector Involvement in Resilience Finance**
- **Provision of Federal Data and Digital Services to Support Risk-informed Mitigation Investment**
- **Disaster Risk Communication Resulting in Increased Risk Awareness and Risk Reduction**

### Get Involved

Your input in this process is critical. For more information and opportunities to provide input, please visit our website at [fema.gov/national-mitigation-framework/](https://fema.gov/national-mitigation-framework/). You can also share your ideas, thoughts, and concerns at [fema-nmis@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-nmis@fema.dhs.gov). (The e-mail address is case sensitive. Please use lower case.)

#### **About the *Mitigation Framework Leadership Group***

The MitFLG's focus is on coordinating mitigation efforts across the federal government. Membership includes federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial representatives. The MitFLG also assesses the effectiveness of mitigation capabilities as they are developed and deployed across the nation. For more information, visit [fema.gov/national-mitigation-framework/](https://fema.gov/national-mitigation-framework/).