

IPAWS PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

The IPAWS PMO has categorized partners into five major functional groups: (1) the American people; (2) Federal governance; (3) Federal and State, territorial, tribal, and local alerting authorities, or “alerting authorities”; (4) private sector industry; and (5) non-profit and advocacy organizations. There are many organizations and interest groups within each of these partner groups, many of which IPAWS actively engages. The list below is a broad, but not exhaustive, list of current or future partner organizations the IPAWS PMO has and will continue to engage.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

- The American people
- Media

FEDERAL GOVERNANCE PARTNERS

Federal Governance Partners are Federal authorities who are responsible for national policies and regulations affecting public alerts and warnings. Government partner organizations are important to the success of the IPAWS program. They represent a large and unique segment of the emergency management community and the American people.

Federal Executive Government Partners

- The White House, Executive Office of the President
 - White House Military Office (WHMO)
 - White House Communications Agency (WHCA)
- Department of Defense (DOD)
 - DOD Joint Interoperability Test Command (JITC)
- Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
 - DHS Cyber Security and Telecommunications
 - DHS Executive Leaderships
 - DHS Office of Civil Liberties, Civil Rights, and Children’s Working Group
 - DHS Operations
 - DHS Policy
 - DHS Science and Technology
- Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
 - FCC Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
 - FEMA Acquisition Program Office (APO)
 - FEMA Emergency Management Institute
 - FEMA Executive Leadership
 - FEMA National Continuity Programs Directorate
 - FEMA National Preparedness Directorate
 - FEMA Office of External Affairs
 - FEMA Office of Disability Integration and Coordination (ODIC)
 - FEMA Regional Communications Coordinators Working Group (RECCWG)
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
 - National Weather Service (NWS)
 - NOAA Regional External Affairs

- Department of Justice (DOJ)
 - Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (AMBER Alerts)
- National Security Council (NSC)
- State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Government Coordinating Council (SLTTGCC)
- Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council (CIPAC)

Legislative Government Partners

The IPAWS PMO engages with Congressional Committees that have legislative oversight of IPAWS. Quarterly reports are provided to these committees and IPAWS PMO leadership regularly deliver updates on IPAWS implementation to members on these committees. The IPAWS PMO also conducted an interactive end-to-end IPAWS concept of operations demonstration for members of Congress and their staff at the US Capitol Visitors Center.

- United States Congress:
 - United States Senate Committee on Appropriations
 - United States Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
 - United States House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations
 - United States House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
 - United States House of Representatives Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management
 - United States House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security
 - United States House of Representatives Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response

FEDERAL AND STTL ALERTING AUTHORITY PARTNERS

In addition to the President, alerting authorities include State, territorial, tribal, and local public safety officials who are designated within their level of government as an authority responsible for communicating emergency alerts and warnings to the American people. Organizations representing public safety officials include:

- IPAWS Originator Practitioners' Working Group (OPWG)
- International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM)
- National Emergency Managers Association (NEMA)
- Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO)
- Community Emergency Preparedness Information Network (CEPIN)
- International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)
- International Association of Fire Chiefs
- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC)
- National Emergency Number Association (NENA)
- Regional Emergency Communications Coordination Working Group (RECCWG)
- State Emergency Communications Committees (SECC)
- State Homeland Security and Emergency Management Offices
- The Weather Channel
- U.S. First Responders Association
- Various Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASIs)

PRIVATE SECTOR INDUSTRY PARTNERS

Private Sector Industry partners are comprised of representatives from private sector companies with recognized equities in the alert and warning field. Because the majority of the infrastructure needed to accomplish the IPAWS mission is owned and operated by the private sector, the private sector is a key partner in the development and implementation of IPAWS.

Alert Origination Service Providers

- Emergency Interoperability Consortium

Dissemination Groups

- IPAWS Disseminator Practitioners' Working Group (DPWG)
- Alliance for Access to Technology
- Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS)
- American Cable Association
- Association of Public Television Stations
- Commercial Mobile Service Providers (CMSP) (e.g. Sprint, Verizon, AT&T, T-Mobile, etc.)
- Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association—The Wireless Association (CTIA)
 - EAS-CAP Industry Group
- Latino Public Radio Consortium
- National Alliance of State Broadcasters Associations (NASBA)
- National Association of Broadcasters (NAB)
- National Cable and Telecommunications Association
- National Federation of Community Broadcasters (NFCB)
- National Public Radio (NPR)
- Public Broadcasting Service (PBS)
- Satellite Broadcast & Communications Association (SBCA)
- Society of Broadcast Engineers (SBE)
- Society of Cable Telecommunications Engineers (SCTE)
- State Chapter Broadcaster/Cable/Satellite Associations
- Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA)
- Telecommunications Sector Government Coordinating Council (GCC)
- Primary Entry Point Advisory Committee (PEPAC)

NON-PROFIT AND ADVOCACY PARTNERS

Executive Order 13407 specifically requires IPAWS to, “include in the public alert and warning system the capability to alert and warn all Americans, including those with disabilities and those without an understanding of the English language.” Thus, the IPAWS PMO continuously seeks to engage a number of intra-governmental, non-profit, and advocacy organizations and their members to ensure they are kept informed of IPAWS progress, as well as solicit support for the adoption and use of IPAWS.

Intra-Governmental Organizations

- The Council of State Governments (CSG)
- The International City/County Management Association (ICMA)
- National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA)

- National Association of Counties (NACo)
- National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)
- National Governor's Association (NGA)
- National League of Cities (NLC)
- National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)

ADA/People with Access and Functional Needs

- National Federation of the Blind
- National Association of the Deaf
- American Association of People with Disabilities/Coalition of Organizations for Accessible Technology (AAPD/COAT)
- The Coalition of Organizations for Accessible Technology (AAPD/COAT)
- Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities and the National Disability Rights Network
- Hearing, Speech & Deafness Center
- Interagency Coordinating Council on Emergency Preparedness and Individuals with Disabilities
- Massachusetts Statewide Independent Living Council
- National Adult Protective Services Association
- National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities
- National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR)
- National Organization on Disability/Emergency Preparedness Initiative
- National Center for Accessible Media (NCAM)
- National Council on Independent Living (NCIL)
- National Council on Disability (NCD)
- National Disability Rights Network
- United States Access Board
- WGBH National Center for Accessible Media
- World Institute on Disability

Universities

- Carnegie Mellon University's Robotics Institute Quality of Life Technology Center
- [Gallaudet University's Technology Access Program](#)
- Georgia Institute of Technology, [Information Technology Technical Assistance & Training Center \(ITTATC\)](#)
- North Carolina State University's [Center for Universal Design](#)
- The Rochester Institute of Technology through its National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID), Center on Access Technology
- Temple University College of Education Institute on Disabilities
- The University at Buffalo's [Center for Inclusive Design & Environmental Access \(IDEA\)](#)
- The University of Washington, The National Center on Accessible Information Technology in Education (AccessIT program)
- The University of Wisconsin-Madison, The Trace Center

Older Americans

- American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA)
- National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a)
- National Association of States United for Aging and Disability (NASUAD)
- National Council on Aging

Children

- National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC)

Charities and Health

- American Health Care Association
- National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD)
- US Red Cross

Standards Based Organizations

- Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards (OASIS)
- IEEE Advancing Technology for Humanity

Limited English Proficiency

- National Limited English Proficient (LEP) Advocacy Task Force
- LEP Advocacy Interpreter Standards Committee