

# FEMA: Week in Review



Louisiana Recovery Office  
New Orleans, LA

# FEMA

January 27, 2012

## Announcements

### Louisiana Hosts First Annual International Disaster Management Expo

The first ever International Disaster Conference and Exposition was held at The New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center on Jan. 17-19, 2012. The inaugural event brought together representatives from both the public and private sectors to build relationships and discuss current issues related to disaster preparation, response, recovery and mitigation.



FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate, guest speaker for the IDCE, urges emergency managers and members of the private sector to work collaboratively in disaster planning and response. Photo/Ralph Simcox

Attendees had an opportunity to learn about many of the latest resources available to help them prepare for and respond to disaster situations. Participants were also able to converse with other emergency managers about the challenges and lessons learned from recent events in an environment that encourages progressive and creative thought, ultimately using this information to help shape future policies and procedures in planning for catastrophic events.

Speakers included FEMA Director Craig Fugate, Ridge Global CEO Tom Ridge (First Director of DHS), Deputy Director of Emergency Management with GOHSEP the Louisiana Pat Santos, and retired Lt. Gen. Russel L. Honoré.

Over 1600 individuals representing 26 countries attended the conference. Approximately 170 companies and organizations participated in the exposition, including FEMA's Louisiana Recovery Office. Conference organizers expect the IDCE to become an annual event in New Orleans, making the city one of the premier destinations for emergency management professionals to gather.

### Industry Day for Disaster Contracting

FEMA's Louisiana Recovery Office is hosting an Industry Day for disaster contracting on Thursday, Feb. 9, 2012 at the Shreveport Convention Center, Red River Board Room, 400 Caddo Street, Shreveport, LA 71101. Participants will receive information regarding potential disaster contracting requirements, registering with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR), and how to respond to notices for federal opportunities.

Companies interested are asked to pre-register by Friday, Feb. 3, 2012. For information or to RSVP, please send emails to [iro-acquisitions@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:iro-acquisitions@fema.dhs.gov) or call 504-762-2414. The first 40 registered companies will be allowed five minutes to present their contracting capabilities to FEMA personnel in one-on-one breakout sessions.

## Contacts

News Desk: (504) 762-2477

External Affairs Director, Andrea Davis: (504) 247-6628 / [Andrea.Davis1@dhs.gov](mailto:Andrea.Davis1@dhs.gov)

Outreach Lead, Amy Connolly: (225) 678-6673 / [Amy.Connolly@dhs.gov](mailto:Amy.Connolly@dhs.gov)

FEMA

## GET READY TO SHAKEOUT!



On Feb. 7, 2012, at 10:15 a.m. CST, more than one million people across nine states will participate in the Second Annual Great Central U.S. ShakeOut! FEMA encourages Americans across the United States, including schools, businesses, governments and other organizations, to participate in this public earthquake drill. For more information, go to:

[www.shakeout.org/centralus](http://www.shakeout.org/centralus)

Test your earthquake knowledge! Click on the Quake Quiz below:



## Calendar

**Feb. 7:** Second Annual Central U.S. ShakeOut public earthquake drill at 10:15 a.m. CST

**Feb. 7-9:** National Evacuation Conference, New Orleans, LA

**Feb. 9:** Industry Day, Shreveport, LA

**Feb. 10:** Terrytown Elementary School Ribbon Cutting, Terrytown, LA

**Feb. 23-25:** Police Jurors Association Conference, Terrebonne Civic Center, Houma, LA

## Housing Update

Katrina/Rita: 5 units

Gustav/Ike: 2 units

