



FEMA

September 25, 2023

Dear Tribal Leader:

On behalf of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), I invite you to participate in a Tribal listening session on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, from 3:00 – 4:30 pm Eastern Time about the new National Resilience Guidance under development.

FEMA is leading an effort to create national resilience guidance and resources for the whole community. These resources will promote a common understanding of resilience, incorporate the relationship between chronic stressors and shocks, address the critical roles of all stakeholders, and inspire people-centered planning approaches to increasing community and national resilience. The guidance recognizes that resilience is more than just being prepared for disasters and encompasses a wide swath of social, economic and environmental issues.

FEMA understands that one of the greatest strengths of Tribal Nations is their resilience. To better serve you and to develop the most inclusive guidance to all, FEMA would like to host a Tribal listening session to provide an overview of the draft resilience guidance and to gather feedback and ideas from Tribal leaders about resilience. FEMA's ultimate goal for this listening session is to ensure that Tribal Nations' perspectives and experiences are reflected in this guidance.

Consistent with FEMA's commitment to engaging with Tribal officials, we invite Tribal Nations to join the virtual Tribal listening session to be held on the Zoom for Government platform and phone.

Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2023, from 3:00 – 4:30 pm Eastern Time

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://fema.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsd-Cpqz8sEhApUpfL4NKpF6OPs56hFiQ>

After registering, you will receive an email containing information about joining the meeting.

An agenda and framing paper with questions for Tribal leader consideration will be provided prior to the session date. All information will be published on the [FEMA Tribal Consultations webpage](#).

We welcome rolling written feedback following the listening session. Please submit written comments to National-resilience@fema.dhs.gov through January 31, 2024.

We hope that you join us as we work to support Tribal Nations before, during and after disasters. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please have a member of your staff contact FEMA Tribal Affairs at FEMA-Tribal@fema.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Smedlock".

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