



EPRR Task Force Meeting Minutes NARUC Winter Policy Summit February 5, 2021

Chair Kim O’Guinn convened the meeting of the Presidential Task Force on Emergency Preparedness, Recovery, and Resiliency (EPRR Task Force) at the NARUC Winter Policy Summit 2021. The meeting agenda and presentation materials are attached for reference.

Ryan Janda, Chief of the Non-Disaster Grants Implementation Branch of the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Division gave a presentation on the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program at FEMA. BRIC is a hazard mitigation funding opportunity that supports states, local communities, tribes and territories as they undertake projects to reduce the risks they face from disasters and natural hazards. Mr. Janda gave a detailed account of program eligibility, types of applicable projects, and program logistics. Mr. Janda fielded a number of questions from the Task Force on how BRIC could be a useful tool for ongoing public and private disaster planning efforts.

Chair O’Guinn introduced Jonathon Monken of Converge Strategies, LLC to the Task Force. Converge Strategies produced the winning bid for the “Support for the Emergency Preparedness, Recovery, and Resiliency Task Force and Related Activities” Request for Proposals. Converge’s proposal is particularly relevant to both the Black Sky Subcommittee and FFOCS Subcommittee and they bring:

- significant, direct experience developing Black Sky preparedness guidance and designing and leading Black Sky exercises with NARUC and state commissions;
- hands-on experience leading state-level emergency management agencies and managing federal disaster relief funds in addition to maintaining an existing database of funding opportunities

Converge will conduct an in-depth introductory meeting with the FFOCS Subcommittee on **February 19th** and the Black Sky Subcommittee on **February 26th**. Those meetings will assess the outlined scope of work and initiate plans to start on key interim deliverables for both subcommittees.

Will McCurry announced that standing dates for the Subcommittees regular meetings will be announced shortly and calendar invites will go out to the appropriate subcommittees. The next meeting of the full EPRR Task Force will take place at the NARUC Summer Policy Summit in July of 2021. Please direct all questions and comments to Will at wmccurry@naruc.org.