

## HERC CALL 2/15/11

## ATTENDEES

1. Melissa Berry, South Carolina Emergency Management
2. Adam Campbell, ZAI
3. Jamie Caplan, Jamie Caplan Consulting
4. Keeley, Carl, OPP
5. Carly Cermak, Arcadis
6. Andrea Chatman, The Pacific Disaster Center
7. Silvana Croope, Delaware Department of Transportation
8. Caroline Cunningham, PBS&J
9. Gail Fullerton, Washington
10. Vanessa Glynn-Linaris, GeoRevs
11. Stacy Haney, MUSC
12. All Hill, Volusia County, FL
13. Shelby Hudson, AMEC
14. Ken Leap, PBS&J
15. Tom LeBlanc, Texas Department of Public Works
16. Kevin Mickey, The Polis Center
17. Beth Miller-Howser, PBS&J
18. Alex Nejmeth Jr., FEMA Region 3
19. Brenna Reilly, Jamie Caplan Consulting
20. Brian Shumon, FEMA Region 2
21. Bert Struik, Geological Survey of Canada
22. Lee Traeger, FEMA Region 5
23. Margaret Walton, PBS&J

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March 15, 2011 4:30-5:30 pm Eastern Time

May 24, 2011 4:30-5:30 pm Eastern Time

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Hazus Hot Zone for January released
- Congratulations to Lisa Graff, GIS Team Manager, Illinois State Water Survey, she is the 2010 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Hazus User of the Year
- We are always looking for speakers for Topic Specific calls please consider presenting your work.
- Efforts are well underway to identify a Hazus Point of Contact for all 50 states.

- Planning has begun for the National Hazus Conference. It is expected to be in mid August. A call for papers should go out in March.
- Hazus User Groups: Maryland HUG and Idaho HUG are new, Gary Johnson has replaced Ron Hess as the Nevada HUG Leader and efforts are underway to form a Puerto Rico HUG and a Georgia HUG.

#### BRIEF AGENDA ITEMS

- HERC Strategic Plan Draft
- Creating the HERC Database
- How the HERC can function to meet your needs

#### DISCUSSION

##### Speakers Bureau

Should we form a Speakers Bureau of faculty, and/or students? Seems like Graduate Students should be included. Participation is voluntary. The responsibility to verify speaker qualifications lies with the person inviting the speaker to give a presentation. The role of the HERC is to provide a “rolodex” of potential speakers. These are people who have self-identified themselves. Categories of expertise will be provided. Hazus Professionals and Practitioners may be interested in the Speakers Bureau.

Web Page – [www.usehazus.com/herc](http://www.usehazus.com/herc)

How about a GeoDatabase? The database will populate by a combination of outreach and user input. For outreach purposes, the HERC will reach out to EMI for the Higher Education database and will acquire a list of schools with emergency management programs.

Why participate in the HERC? What do you want outcomes to be?

Melissa Berry reported an interest in connecting planners to students doing projects and doing project outreach on a project-by-project basis. She also foresees membership in the SCHUG increasing.

Kevin Mickey would like to identify research being done by graduate students and capture than in a possible Knowledge Compendium. He foresees this as a massive collection of links and resources applicable to HERC members.

Many GIS Programs include modeling applications and require internships. The HERC could help facilitate matching students with internship opportunities.

We need a public list of HERC participants.

Would love to see an academic curriculum for Hazus, not just a 3-day training or professional workshop.

#### Outreach Suggestions

Reach beyond users to people who may be interested in or may benefit from Hazus.

Reach out to the EMI Higher Education Conference, it is not GIS centric, to share information about the HERC.

Let's have calls bi-monthly instead of quarterly.