

## HERC CALL 3/15/11

## ATTENDEE

Jamie Caplan, Jamie Caplan Consulting LLC	Eston Spain, IEM Inc.
Ken Leep, PBS&J	Alex Nemeth, FEMA R3
Silvana Croope, Delaware Department of Transportation	Burt Struik, Natural Resources Canada
Kevin Mickey, The Polis Center	Margaret Walton, PBS&J
Andrea Chatman, Pacific Disaster Center	Chris Zambito, Dewberry
Lisa Graff, Illinois State Water Survey	Brenna Reilly, Jamie Caplan Consulting LLC
	Seth Wiafe, Loma Linda University

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Congratulations to Shanna Michael, Hazus Lead for AECOM, she is the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2011 User of the Year.
- All National HUG Calls have been scheduled between now and December. The list is posted on USEHAZUS at <http://www.usehazus.com/hugs/calls/>.
- Well on the way to having identified Point of Contacts for Hazus in each of the 50 states.
- The HERC Strategic Plan Draft is posted on USEHAZUS for your review.
- HERC is in the early stages of putting together a Hazus Speakers Bureau, which will benefit Hazus users nationwide.

## DISCUSSION

Discussion: What direction do we want to take the HERC in?

- Kevin Mickey brought to the HERC the proposed idea that the HERC move in the direction of supporting the academic environment, in three areas:
  - Research
  - Teaching
  - Service
- It was discussed that in the academic environment teaching a specific tool such as Hazus is hardly ever done, the concept and the principals of GIS are taught rather than a specific tool. "Science continues technology expires."

It was proposed and decided that a model conceptual paper would be written, Kevin Mickey, Jamie Caplan and Silvana Croope would work on a draft of this paper. The idea behind this is a model for combining research, teaching and service learning into a group like the HERC. This conceptual paper will lay out the objectives and process of combining teaching, research and service learning.

- Bert asked if researchers at government facilities should be included in the HERC? YES.
- Seth mentioned needed funding at Loma Linda University to support expanding research related to Hazus.
- Silvana explained that the goal at DDOT is to use Hazus in real-time.

The Speakers Bureau is in the works. This will live on the HERC website and benefit all HUGs.

Kevin recommended that anyone that can attend the Higher Education Conference in June do so; as it is an invaluable resource.

HERC may collect Hazus curriculum resources for the academic community.

#### FOLLOW UP ITEMS

Next call is May 24, 2011 and the schedule of meetings for the remainder of the year has been placed on the UseHazus site.

The Model Conceptual paper draft will be worked on and further discussed.

Any comments on the HERC Strategic Plan Draft can be sent to Jamie Caplan, the draft is available at USEHAZUS.