

Meeting Logistics	
<b>Date</b>	January 8, 2013
<b>Time</b>	3:00pm Eastern Standard Time
<b>Location</b>	Conference Call
<b>Description</b>	Bi-monthly national meeting with Hazus User Group Leaders
<b>Facilitator</b>	Kathleen Goulding

Agenda	
<b>Welcome</b>	Kathleen Goulding
<b>Hazus Updates</b>	Kathleen Goulding
<b>2013 Hazus Conference Discussion</b>	David Coats
<b>HERC Revival</b>	Christina Tierno
<b>Updates from Regions / User Groups</b>	Kathleen Goulding

### User Group Discussion

#### Meeting Attendees

- Andrea Chatman
- Chris Zambito
- Christina Tierno
- David Coats
- Eric Berman
- Kathleen Goulding
- Kelly Stone
- Kimberly Pettit
- Moses Wilkins
- Pat Stiefer
- Phil McCormick
- Shelby Hudson

#### Welcome and Introduction

- Welcome to the January Hazus Leaders call!
- The National User Group call will be next week, January 15th at 3pm EST

#### Hazus Updates

- Hazus won the 2012 GSN Award for Most Notable Emergency Response Implementation!
- There is a new fema.gov webpage dedicated to information on the Hazus Help Desk. This site has Hazus FAQs and solutions to problems Users have identified
  - Visit [www.fema.gov/hazushelpdesk](http://www.fema.gov/hazushelpdesk)

#### 2013 Hazus Conference Discussion

- The Central Hazus User Group is interested in hosting the 2013 Hazus Conference in Indianapolis, IN

- Specific details have not been finalized, however talks about interest in the conference have started
- Dave Coats mentioned that they hosted the Hazus conference in Indianapolis before, and it went really well
- There have been people who have expressed disappointment that there was no Hazus conference this past year, so that got the conversation started
  - The same facilities that were used previously might be available again
- The Central HUG worked with CDS team members to create and distribute a survey to gather feedback on interest in the conference
  - The survey was a success, with 200 responses in two days!
- Below are the survey questions and analysis of the responses:
  - Would you be interested in attending a Hazus conference in Indianapolis, IN?
    - Out of 200 responses, 169 people said yes, they would be interested in attending a conference in Indianapolis, IN
  - Approximately how many people from your organization would attend the conference?
    - 99 people said one person from their organization would attend
    - 47 people said two people would attend
    - 16 people said three people would attend
  - What would be your main reason for attending?
    - 107 people said “to learn about strategic analysis”
    - 99 people said “to network with other Hazus professionals”
    - 63 people said “to hear about User success stories”
    - 85 people said “to discuss the future vision of Hazus”
    - 77 people said “to discuss Hazus development”
  - Would you like to see an education/training course attached to the conference?
    - 135 people said yes, they would like to have an education/training course as part of the conference
    - 5 people said no, and 27 people were indifferent
  - What month would work best to hold the conference?
    - 63 people said August
    - 58 people said September
    - 51 people said October
- The feedback received from the survey will be taken into account when starting to discuss the conference
- Eric Berman mention that he would like to help and possibly be a sponsor of the event
- The timeframe is not set, however it will likely be within the August timeframe
- If anyone has any suggestions, comments, or questions, please feel free to reach out to Kevin Mickey ([kmickey@iupui.edu](mailto:kmickey@iupui.edu)) or the Hazus Outreach team ([hazus@arcaspicio.com](mailto:hazus@arcaspicio.com))

### HERC Revival

- The Higher Education Resources Consortium (HERC) was active in 2011 and early 2012, however it hasn't been active recently

- The purpose of the group is to promote the use of Hazus in higher education and provide network opportunities for Hazus users
- We would like to revive the group and get leaders assigned to get the conversation started
- The questions posed to the group are:
  - Is this a good idea?
  - Are people interested?
- Dave Coats with the Polis Center said that they work with higher education institutions when they get involved in a new area
  - The role of the universities is to be supportive of the Hazus community, and they became a resource
- Phil McCormick mentioned that there are several universities who discuss and/or teach Hazus in their courses and they also participate in their local HUG
  - They are a great resource to established HUGs, but they probably aren't interested in creating their own HUG
- Christina Tierno mentioned that the HERC could be treated as a "steering committee" where a group gets together and discusses how the group can help higher education institutions
- Moses Wilkins said that universities support their state, and it would be important to have a steering committee established to cater to those universities or groups
- Eric Berman thought it sounded like there were two main areas the group could focus on: support, and training. The training aspect could entail different parts and would need to be defined by the group
  - Eric also mentioned that the group could focus on development
  - Create more Cooperative Research and Development Agreements (CRADA's) with universities
- Dave Coats brought up the point that Hazus is designed to do risk analysis out of the box, but if you want to go more deeply into the tool very few people have the skills to do that
  - Universities have the place for people to team up and learn those skills to do it
- Phil mentioned that universities would love to present semester classes following the EMI curriculum, and that the emergency management program is growing
- The next steps for the HERC are to;
  - Define the goals
  - Define who the planners will be
  - Establish leadership roles/people
  - Start acting on ideas / provide forward momentum
- The CDS team will email the Leaders to see who is interested in participating in the HERC
- So far we have the following names of interested people:
  - Dave Coats
  - Eric Berman
  - Phil McCormick
  - Moses Wilkins
  - Silvana Croope

### Updates from the User Groups

- Kimberly Pettit
  - There is a CDMS course on March 26-29 in Tacoma, WA
    - More information can be found on the Washington HUG LinkedIn page
  - In Boise there is a 2013 Intermountain conference from March 11-13
    - If you look up Intermountain GIS you will find more information
    - In conjunction with the conference, there will be a Hazus flood-hazard class
- Eric Berman
  - The E0296 Hazus course on January 14-17 has been canceled due to low enrollment
  - The E0179 Hazus course has low enrollment, and it needs more people or it will be canceled
    - The CDS team sent out an email to Hazus leaders with more information that they can pass on to their members
- Shelby Hudson
  - Hosting flood course L172 in Denver, CO on February 12-15 for EMI credit
  - During a future meeting, there will be a recap of the roll GIS played in Hurricane Sandy
    - Even though Region 8 wasn't affected by the hurricane, the GIS staff still played a roll in the disaster
    - Once more information is available about the meeting, the CDS team will let the group know
- Eric Berman asked if people would like to have their field course information posted to the Hazus fema.gov page, so that people could attend
  - If anyone is interested in posting information about their open enrollment courses, please email the details to [hazus@arcaspicio.com](mailto:hazus@arcaspicio.com) and the CDS team will post the information on the fema.gov site

### Next Hazus User Group Conference Call

- The next Hazus User Group Leaders call is March 5, 2013 at 3pm EST
- The next National Hazus User Group call is January 15, 2013 at 3pm EST – please let your User Group members know of the call
- If you have ideas or suggestions for future calls, please email us at [hazus@arcaspicio.com](mailto:hazus@arcaspicio.com)