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## Upcoming Hazus User Group Calls

### User Group calls:

November 13  
December 11  
January 15  
February 12

### Leaders calls:

January 8  
March 5

More information on the User Group calls can be received by signing up for GovDelivery emails or becoming a member of the Hazus group on LinkedIn.

## Hazus Excellence Award Winner

### Congratulations Terry Jackson!



Terry Jackson currently serves as Director of the Office of Mapping and Decision Support Systems for the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. He has long had a keen interest in the employment of Local, State and National GIS datasets to support a wide variety of initiatives across Georgia, including hazard mitigation planning.

Terry recognized that Hazus-MH could well serve his home state by providing damage estimates that could spur planning efforts throughout Georgia. He also saw that Hazus could be an effective catalyst for encouraging a greater degree of collaboration and data sharing among his colleagues in other federal, state and local agencies.

To encourage these ends, Terry successfully organized a series of five introductory through advanced Hazus training courses between February and September 2012 – each simultaneously taught at three locations across Georgia using virtual technologies - and brought representatives of Federal, State and Local government together with researchers from universities and engineers from the private sector.

These individuals now form a cadre of experts in Georgia that are currently working toward enhancing State and local mitigation planning efforts and more importantly, to new and stronger relationships among individuals and agencies with similar concerns throughout the State.

This cadre, working in collaboration with Hazus experts from The Polis Center, are currently developing processes and tools that will facilitate the integration of enhanced inventory and hazard data for improved mitigation planning. This data is also anticipated to offer many other benefits related to economic development, public safety, and other uses. Questions about this work can be directed to Terry Jackson at [terry.jackson@dca.ga.gov](mailto:terry.jackson@dca.ga.gov).

## U.S. ShakeOut Drills

The Southeast ShakeOut drill occurred on October 18, 2012 and is an event that helps prepare people and organizations before the next big earthquake hits.

The 2012 drill attracted over 1.8 million participants from the Southeast states (Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, and Maryland). To learn more about the drill visit: <http://www.shakeout.org/southeast/>

In addition to participating in the drill, this was also a great time for businesses and families to review and update their emergency preparedness plans and supplies.

The ShakeOut drill originated in California, but many regions are now replicating it in order to spread the word and better prepare communities.

The Great Central US ShakeOut is taking place on February 7, 2013 at 10:15 am.

This date coincides with the anniversary of the February 7, 1812 earthquake near New Madrid, Missouri.

To learn more about the Great Central US ShakeOut and to register, go to: [www.shakeout.org/centralus](http://www.shakeout.org/centralus)

To learn more about ShakeOut drills in general and to find one in your area, visit:

<http://www.shakeout.org/>

## 2012 EMI Training Courses

E0172: Hazus-MH for Flood  
December 3 – 6

E0174: Hazus-MH for Earthquake  
December 10 – 13

E0170: Hazus-MH for Hurricanes  
January 7 – 10

To download the course schedule and enroll, visit <http://training.fema.gov/EMICourses/>

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## DHS ThinkEfficiency Campaign Winners!

In February, DHS launched the ThinkEfficiency Campaign to solicit ideas on ways to help create a leaner, stronger, more efficient DHS. DHS received nearly 1,000 entries from employees across the department.

**Gene Longenecker, Moses Wilkins, Niclaos Almonor, and Casey Zuzak** were part of the winning team from FEMA for their work on the proposal focusing on increasing the use of video-teleconferencing for training and meetings.

Gene Longenecker was the principle Region 4 RA Branch point of contact recognized for the GIS team supported award. Gene provided the concept development, Team Leadership & Execution process improvements for the use of Adobe Connect to deliver a series of highly effective HAZUS classes. The classes spanned multiple regions & multiple states.

Based on Gene's innovation and superior leadership, many others in Region 4 Mitigation have expanded the use of Adobe Connect to save shrinking travel budgets and promote improved staff time management efficiency and connectivity with our state partners.

## Hazus 2.1 Service Pack 1 (SP01)

FEMA released the SP01 upgrade on September 28, 2012.

This upgrade includes changes to all Hazus hazards (flood, earthquake, and hurricane modules). The next time you log in, Hazus will detect the service pack through its built-in auto-update tool and will prompt the user to download and install the patch.

If users have any issues when trying to upgrade to the new service pack, please email: [helpdesk@support.hazus.us](mailto:helpdesk@support.hazus.us) or submit a ticket at the Hazus Help Desk: <https://support.hazus.us/>

## Hurricane Sandy

Hurricane Sandy devastated the U.S. East Coast in October with flooding and damaging wind. Since the recovery effort is still underway, it's not certain the full extent of how Hazus was used, but FEMA is involved in different activities surrounding the Hurricane, and there are several maps on the FEMA Geoportal that depict damage assessments and impact analysis (<http://fema.maps.arcgis.com/home/index.html>).

In addition, Eston Spain, an emergency planner with IEM, used Hurrevac 2010 with the 2012 update to track Hurricane Sandy. To find out more, visit the Hazus group page on LinkedIn to view his PowerPoint presentation.

## Hazus is a Finalist for KM Award

Knowledge Management World (KM World) chose the Hazus Program as a finalist for their KM Award

The FEMA Hazus program has been selected as a finalist for the 2012 Knowledge Management Award (<http://www.kmworld.com/Articles/Editorial/Features/KMWorld-2012-Promise-and-Reality-award-winners-and-finalists-85829.aspx?PageNum=3>). This award highlights an organization that demonstrates how it goes beyond simply delivering technology, to help their users realize positive business results with their technology and knowledge. Organizations provide innovative technology solutions for implementing and integrating knowledge management practices into their business processes.