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**FEMA REGION VI
HIGHER EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE**

STEERING COMMITTEE

February 26, 2019



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FEMA Region VI HEC Steering Committee

PURPOSE

To provide information on the creation of a Steering Committee
for the
FEMA Region VI Higher Education Collaborative;
its roles, responsibilities, and charter

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FEMA Region VI HEC Steering Committee **OVERVIEW**

- Goals of the FEMA Region VI Higher Education Collaborative
- Purpose and Objectives of the Steering Committee
- Steering Committee Charter
- Organization
- Membership
- Meetings
- Conferences
- Research
- Web Page
- Discussion



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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

“The Realm of Possibilities”



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FEMA Region 6 HEC Steering Committee **GOALS**

- Maximize stakeholder engagement
- Confront challenges facing academic programs
- Incorporate practical experience and experiential learning into academic curricula
- Promote diversity in the profession
- Balance Homeland Security issues and Emergency Management principles in college and university programs
- Bring together emergency management and homeland security academics and practitioners to share efforts and discuss opportunities
- Promote research that addresses Homeland Security and Emergency Management issues.



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FEMA Region 6 HEC Steering Committee **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

Build the Next Generation...

- *Actively promote the workforce development of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Professionals*
- *Connect Operators with Students, Faculty, and Researchers*
- *Connect Students with Emergency Management and Homeland Security Professionals*
- *Create and promote opportunities for Internships*
- *Provide students information and advice to viable career paths*



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FEMA Region 6 HEC Steering Committee **OBJECTIVES**

- Actively assist the FEMA Region 6 Higher Education Collaborative in achieving its goals;
- Serve as trusted advisors to the FEMA Region VI Leadership to ensure the continuing functionality and viability of the FEMA Region VI Higher Education Collaborative;
- Assist in establishing professional relationships between the FEMA Region VI Higher Education Collaborative and Emergency Management and Homeland Security practitioners in the field at federal, tribal, state, regional, and local levels;
- Establish a dynamic network of Emergency Management and Homeland Security professionals working in higher education;



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FEMA Region 6 HEC Steering Committee **OBJECTIVES**

- Enhance visibility of the FEMA Region VI Higher Education Collaborative within the area encompassed by the States of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas
- Act as a sounding board to FEMA Region VI leadership regarding education, training, and research associated with institutions of higher education;
- Plan and conduct twice annual conferences to highlight university programs and research
- Vet promising research developed by institutions of higher education with projected relevance and/or application to FEMA and Department of Homeland Security



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STEERING COMMITTEE CHARTER



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FEMA Region 6 HEC Steering Committee **THE CHARTER**

To capture in writing, the Steering Committee's:

- Purpose, goals, and objectives
- Membership
- Responsibilities
- Expectations



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ORGANIZATION



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FEMA Region 6 HEC Steering Committee **REPRESENTATION**

- FEMA Region VI Representative
- Representatives from all five states in FEMA Region VI
- Institutes of Higher Education
 - Colleges
 - Universities
 - Community Colleges
- Inclusive. Representatives from:
 - Historically Black Colleges and Universities
 - Hispanic Serving Institutions
 - Native American Colleges



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FEMA Region 6 HEC Steering Committee **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Review the agenda and supporting materials prior to the FEMA Region VI Higher Education Collaborative's steering committee meetings and biannual conferences;
- Assist the FEMA in identifying and recruiting representatives from other colleges and universities in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas to the FEMA Region VI Higher Education Collaborative;
- Solicit presentations by researchers from colleges and universities in their respective states for biannual conferences;
- Vet promising education, training, and research initiatives for possible future presentation to the FEMA Region VI Regional Interagency Steering Committee (RISC) and National Preparedness Symposium;



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FEMA Region 6 HEC Steering Committee **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Schedule, plan, and host a biannual conference of the FEMA Region VI Higher Education Collaborative;
- Serve on committees or task forces and taking on special assignments;
- Represent the Steering Committee to stakeholders;
- Act as an ambassador for the FEMA Region VI Higher Education Collaborative;
- Update information on the FEMA Region VI Higher Education Collaborative web page.



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FEMA Region 6 HEC Steering Committee **TERM LIMITS**

Per Draft Charter

- Steering Committee members are expected to serve a three-year term of service
- Terms shall be staggered initially to ensure continuity
- Steering Committee members may be considered for, but are not guaranteed a second term
- Necessary?
- Staggered?



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FEMA Region 6 HEC Steering Committee **MEETINGS**

- Quarterly teleconferences
 - Link established and posted by FEMA
- In person meetings at each scheduled conference
 - Every six months
- *Consider adding practitioners to the Steering Committee*
- *Consider joint meetings with:*
 - *Community Preparedness Working Group*
 - *Emergency Management Associations in FEMA Region VI*



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FEMA Region 6 HEC Steering Committee **INITIAL MEMBERSHIP**

FEMA Region VI

FEMA Advisor

Bill Bischof

Arkansas

Arkansas Tech University

Caroline Hackerott, Ph.D.

University of Central Arkansas

Tyler Lachowsky

Louisiana

Louisiana State University

Brant Mitchell, Ph.D.

New Mexico

New Mexico State University

Shirley Barros, Ph.D.



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FEMA Region 6 HEC Steering Committee **INITIAL MEMBERSHIP**

Oklahoma

Northeastern State University

Andi Smith

Texas

McLennan Community College

M. Boyce Wilson

Texas Southern University (HBCU)

Ponmile Olonilua, Ph.D.

University of Houston

Kevin Clement

University of Texas at El Paso (HSI)

Victor Manjarrez, Jr., Ph.D.



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RESEARCH



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FEMA Region 6 HEC Steering Committee **RESEARCH**

- Provide an avenue to FEMA leadership regarding promising research with applicability to FEMA and DHS
- Vet research presentations at biannual conferences
- Promote presentation of reviewed research initiatives at FEMA Region 6 Interagency Steering Committee (RISC)
- Possible Regional Endorsement of research proposals for FEMA or DHS funding



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CONFERENCES



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FEMA Region 6 HEC Steering Committee **CONFERENCES**

- Held every six months
- Locations rotated among states
- 1 day in duration
- Scheduled at least a year in advance to promote maximum participation and attendance
- Funded by host institution – “Pay as you go”



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FEMA Region 6 HEC Steering Committee **CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

February 27, 2019

University of Texas at El Paso

October 23, 2019

Arkansas Tech University

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February 2020

Louisiana State University



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WEB PAGE



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FEMA Region 6 HEC Steering Committee **WEB PAGE**

- Provide the “Reason to Be” for the FEMA Region 6 Higher Education Collaborative
- Post Goals and Objectives
- Links to Steering Committee Charter and Position Description
- Information on upcoming conferences
- List Serve
- Repository for Higher Education Collaboration information



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FEMA Region 6 HEC Steering Committee **STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

- Provide photos and contact information of Steering Committee Members
- Provide ready access by officials and researchers from Institutes of Higher Education to Steering Committee representatives



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FEMA Region 6 HEC Steering Committee **CONFERENCE LINK**

- **Web Page provides Upcoming Conference Schedule**
- **Link to Upcoming Conferences**
 - Provides information on dates, location and sponsor contact information for upcoming twice-annual conferences
 - Universities can establish their own web page with information on conference venue, agenda, lodging, parking, etc.
- **Presentations.**
 - Allows presenters and researchers to submit information for presentations
 - Emphasizes “push vs pull” in developing meeting agenda



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FEMA Region 6 HEC Steering Committee **LIST SERVE**

- List members and contact information of the FEMA Region 6 Higher Education Collaborative
- Enable University officials and researchers to sign up to the list serve for news and information
- Eliminates the problem of “who has the best contact list” and ensures maximum distribution of information



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FEMA Region 6 HEC Steering Committee .../Archive

- Blind link to Steering Committee page
- Repository for HEC and Steering Committee information
- FEMA Guidance and/or Directives
- Conferences
 - Timelines, Lessons Learned, Agenda, After Action Reports
- Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
- Photo Library



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DISCUSSION