

**National Center for Disaster Preparedness at Columbia University
Awarded \$1.5M FEMA Homeland Security National Training Program Grant**
Competitive Selection Process; Training Within Economic Recovery Category

September 30 – The National Center for Disaster Preparedness (NCDP), part of the Earth Institute at Columbia University, is pleased to announce it will receive approximately \$1.5M from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as part of its Homeland Security National Training Program (HSNTP)/Continuing Training Grants (CTG). NCDP was selected to develop and deliver national trainings on Economic Recovery, a new focus area for this grant program.

NCDP is one of only five recipients chosen for funding this year across all focus areas. According to FEMA, the programs will be national in scope and are designed to support communities to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism and natural, man-made, and technological hazards.

“Community economic recovery is critical to the recovery process after a disaster, but is rarely understood or implemented in a way that is truly effective,” said Dr. Irwin Redlener, Director of the National Center for Disaster Preparedness, Professor of Health Policy & Management at CUMC, and Professor of Clinical Pediatrics, College of Physicians & Surgeons. “We are thrilled to be selected by FEMA to develop and deliver these much needed training courses, and to help educate public and private sector community recovery leaders.”

“This program will develop and deliver three courses nationally geared to responders, emergency managers and leadership of private sector businesses,” said Dr. Tom Chandler, Associate Research Scientist at the Center and the program’s Principle Investigator. “The target audiences for this program are the individuals who are responsible for the ongoing operations of their organizations, and who will be the leaders responsible for business recovery after a disaster, as well as the individuals who will be integrating with recovery systems and government agencies on behalf of their businesses after a disaster.”

The HSNTP/CTG provides funding via cooperative agreements to partners to develop and deliver training to prepare communities to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recovery from acts of terrorism and natural, man-made, and technological hazards. Administered by FEMA, the CTG is a competitive grant awarded annually to entities that play an important role in the implementation of the National Preparedness System by supporting the building, sustainment and delivery of core capabilities essential to achieving the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient nation.

The FEMA announcement press release is available at: <https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2016/09/23/fema-announces-funding-awards-fiscal-year-2016-homeland-security-national>

ABOUT NCDP: The National Center for Disaster Preparedness (NCDP) at Columbia University's Earth Institute works to understand and improve the nation's capacity to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters. NCDP translates cutting-edge research on threats to U.S. security, into real world analysis and advice for the public; and focuses on the readiness of governmental and non-governmental systems; the complexities of population recovery; the power of community engagement; and the risks of human vulnerability, with a particular emphasis on children.

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