

IAB Agenda

- **Opening Remarks** (*Tony Cieri*)
- **OMB Perspective on HSPD-12 Progression** (*Carol Bales, OMB*)
- **HR 1 - Federal Preparedness Requirements** (*Chris Geldart, DHS/FEMA*)
- **NIST Update** (*Bill Macgregor, NIST*)
- **Unique ID- Federal Employee and Foreign National** (*Phong Ngo and Mark Pekrul, OPM*)
- **DHS' Credentialing Framework Initiative** (*Patricia Cogswell, DHS*)
- **Lessons Learned from a Shared Service Provider (SSP) Solution** (*Steve Duncan, GSA*)
- **E-authentication** (*Myisha Frazier-McElveen, GSA*)
- **HSPD-12 Status Update--NASA** (*NASA*)
- **Printed & Electronic Data on the Credential** (*NASA*)
- **Closing Remarks** (*Mike Butler, GSA*)

Mutual Aid, Resource Typing & Credentialing



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Purpose of Briefing

- Outline FEMA's efforts to develop a common credentialing standard
- Outline the framework of our credentialing and typing programs
- Outline how credentialing and typing strengthens mutual aid and the overall response to an incident

FEMA will not be issuing credentialing to state and local personnel ... FEMA will only be issuing guidance!



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Background

- A standardized process is required to enable first responders to move rapidly to an incident
- A standardize process is required to validate the identity and professional qualifications of responders who arrive on-scene
- Creating a credentialing and typing standard arises from the need to ensure that the IC knows who is present at an incident scene and their qualifications

Lessons learned indicate that it is often difficult to know who is qualified to do what from the multitude of responders, volunteers or entities at the incident scene!

Background (continued)

- Since the creation of NIMS; programs have been developed to address a common standard for credentialing and typing
- Congress has recognized the importance of these issues and has passed legislation to provide authorization for FEMA to develop this standard and to continue our resource typing and mutual aid efforts

We are using best practices for our methodology ... Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 201 and HSPD 12 which establishes a common process and technology for sharing secure personnel identification and achieving interoperability across multiple jurisdictions

Developing a Standard

- Title IV of the “Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007” directs the Administrator of FEMA to set standards for credentialing and typing Federal personnel who are likely to respond to a natural disaster, act of terrorism, or other man-made disaster
- FEMA is in the process of developing this common standard utilizing existing programs, standards, and accredited sources ... NIMS, NRF, NIPP, National Fire Protection Association, Emergency Management Accreditation Program, and American National Standards Institute (These representative organizations are key partners in this process and well respective members of the emergency management community)



Credentialing and Typing Program

Components of Credentialing and Typing: an objective, standardized evaluation of an individuals

- Qualifications (or attributes)
- Ability to meet nationally accepted baseline or minimum standards to provide a particular service
- Reason to be at the incident scene (requested)

Standard will help to ensure that personnel with the right attributes are deployed to the right place at the right time



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Credentialing and Typing Program

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- Existing NIMS efforts have been expanded through efforts by our National Capitol Region Coordination (NCRC) office
- Partners in the NCR have begun limited implementation of aspects of the standard to include technology tools (using FIPS 201 cards) and off the shelf card readers
- NCRC is testing concepts, principles, methodology and process of the standard with Federal, State, local, private sector and NGO partners



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Credentialing and Typing Program

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- Again, the intent is not to issue identification cards to all State and local first responders
- FIPS 201 standard describes what the credential should be to represent identity validation
- We will utilize the ESF construct of the NRF as well as the NIPP to identify those professional attributes (paramedic, physician, hazmat technician, etc) that have a professional authority standing behind these designations for its personnel (leverage existing certification processes to “substantiate” the qualifications of personnel)



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Strengthening Mutual Aid

- Standardized personnel identification and skill set verification directly enhances resource sharing and mutual aid
- Effort supported FEMA's National Mutual Aid and Resource Management System to enhance inter and intra-state mutual aid
- Effort enhances ICS management components which is the backbone of NIMS
- A credentialing/typing standard aids in the execution of existing mutual aid agreements



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FEMA Program Plan

Plan includes the implementation of

- An identity assurance standard
- Credentialing/typing standards for personnel skill sets/qualifications
- A common process/technology standard that integrates both

Aggregated standard will be tested during a NCR exercise in February, 2008. Once tested, standard can be made available to other portions of the nation + through a mobile credentialing process at the incident scene

FEMA Program Plan (continued)

Plan includes milestones that address Title IV of the 9/11 Act

- Development of credentialing and typing guidelines and objectives
- Written guidance to Federal agencies that have responsibilities under the NRF
- Ongoing technical assistance to aid emergency management stakeholders



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Questions?



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