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## Program Updates

### Important Change in FEMA's Map Distribution Process

FEMA is updating its process for distribution of final mapping products for community officials to keep up with changing technology. Previously, FEMA provided a DVD with copies of the hardcopy map panels and the digital flood hazard data for affected community officials. Use of DVD media and support for DVDs on newer computers are no longer standard.

Beginning immediately, FEMA is discontinuing the production and distribution of DVDs. Community officials will continue to receive hardcopy products by mail. FEMA will include information on how to download all the associated digital products from the [FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange \(FMIX\)](#), and a fact sheet is available on [the CTP Collaboration Center](#). FEMA recently suspended new final determinations, so initially this change will affect only the distribution of products where the final determination was issued earlier, but the paper maps and DVDs have not yet been distributed. When final determinations resume, this change will remain in effect.

If you have questions regarding this change, or about the Map Service Center email subscription service, please contact us, Monday - Friday, 8:00 am – 7:00 pm ET.

- Toll free: 877-FEMA-MAP (877-336-2627)
- [FEMAMapSpecialist@riskmapcds.com](mailto:FEMAMapSpecialist@riskmapcds.com)
- Or contact a Map Specialist using our Live Chat Service, available 9:00 am to 5:00 pm ET [on the MSC](#).

### Technical Mapping Advisory Council Solicits Input on Future Shift from Binary to Graduated Flood Risk

Your feedback is greatly needed in helping guide the future of the flood hazard and flood risk identification program. Please take a moment out of your busy day to take the Technical Mapping Advisory Council (TMAC) survey at [this link](#) or using the QR Code below and help identify ways to improve the program.

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## USEFUL LINKS

Need help with ND Grants? Visit [FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov). For assistance, please reach out to your FEMA Region CTP Lead.

Best Practice Templates are located in the [Best Practices](#) section on the CTP Collaboration Center.

**Register for Access to the CTP Collaboration Center**

Click the link below to register for access to the CTP Collaboration Center.

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### Need Assistance?

If you have questions about the CTP Collaboration Center, or are having trouble accessing the site, click below.

[Click here](#) ▶

# TMAC

TECHNICAL MAPPING ADVISORY COUNCIL

## PLEASE TAKE OUR SURVEY

The Technical Mapping Advisory Council (TMAC) is seeking input regarding the future flood hazard and flood risk identification program. Your input will be summarized and considered by TMAC as they support FEMA in considering the many ways to improve how flood hazard and risk information is generated and delivered.

Your valuable feedback may inform the program's evolving products and services to best meet National Flood Insurance Program customer needs.

Scan the QR code below with your smartphone camera to take the survey now.

Scan

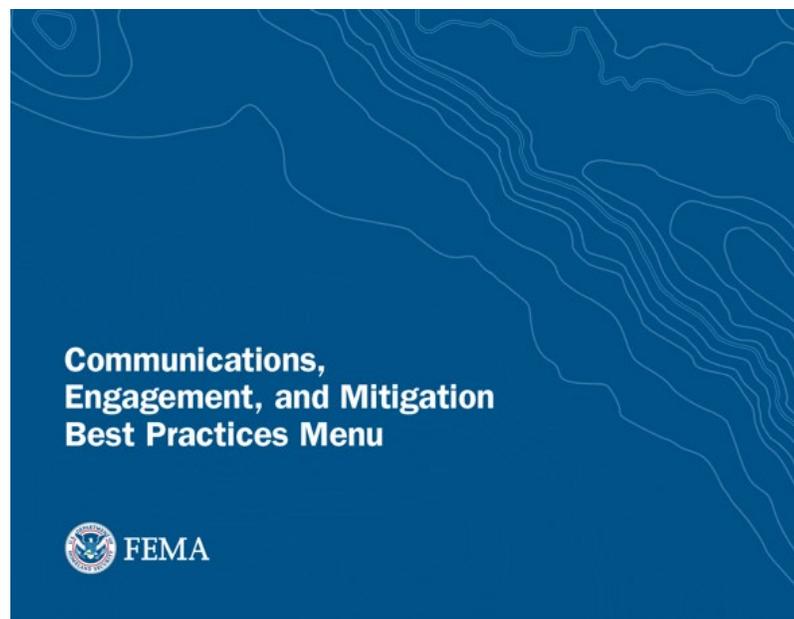


TMAC is a federal advisory committee established to review and make recommendations to FEMA on matters related to the national flood mapping program. To learn more, visit their [website](#).

## Best Practices

### FEMA Publishes the Communications, Engagement, and Mitigation Best Practices Menu

The Risk Management Directorate (RMD) recently published the [Communications, Engagement, and Mitigation Best Practices Menu](#). This Menu offers FEMA, providers, and partners an overview of successful strategies for training, communicating, and data sharing. These strategies, in turn, can be leveraged to create time and cost efficiencies and increase the impact of efforts across the Directorate. The Menu offers valuable insight into the creative approaches the FEMA Regions and Headquarters have used on the journey to update flood risk maps, data, and beyond.



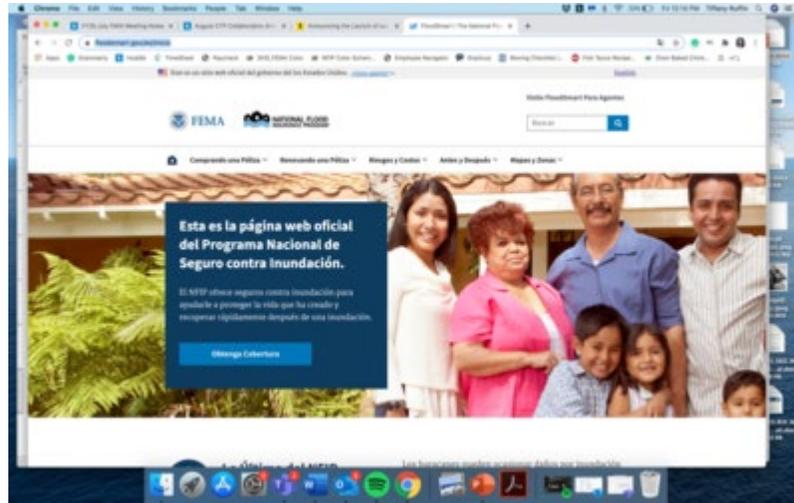
*Communications, Engagement, and Mitigation Best Practices Menu*

The Best Practices are organized by topic and include the Region where the practice originated and an assessment of the level of effort associated with its replication. The Level of Effort is categorized as Easy, Moderate, or Challenging.

For example, if it is Easy, there might be a template you can replicate for a meeting. At the Moderate level, funding or content creation might be required. Developing an innovative new training or digital experience would be considered Challenging. For more information about the Communications, Engagement, and Mitigation Best Practices Menu, reach out to Peter Herrick, Jr., at [Peter.Herrickjr@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Peter.Herrickjr@fema.dhs.gov).

## FEMA Reaches Spanish-Speaking Community with New Website

FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is excited to introduce its newest website – FloodSmart.gov in Spanish. Launched in late May, [FloodSmart.gov/es](https://www.floodsmart.gov/es) is the NFIP's first fully bilingual consumer site!



NFIP Website Homepage in Spanish

At [FloodSmart.gov/es](https://www.floodsmart.gov/es) consumers will find resources designed to help them understand the impact of flooding and the importance of having a flood insurance policy. This includes information on:

- [Buying a Policy](#)
- [Renewing a Policy](#)
- [Flood Risks and Costs](#)
- [Before and After a Flood](#)
- [Flood Zones and Maps](#)

The website also includes a Spanish-language insurance provider locator, two new survivor story videos, and the NFIP “Cost of Flooding Tool,” which helps consumers visualize what the cost of a flood can be on a home.

**Please share this resource widely within your network of contacts and encourage its use!**

Visit [FloodSmart.gov/es](https://www.floodsmart.gov/es) – an official site of the National Flood Insurance Program.

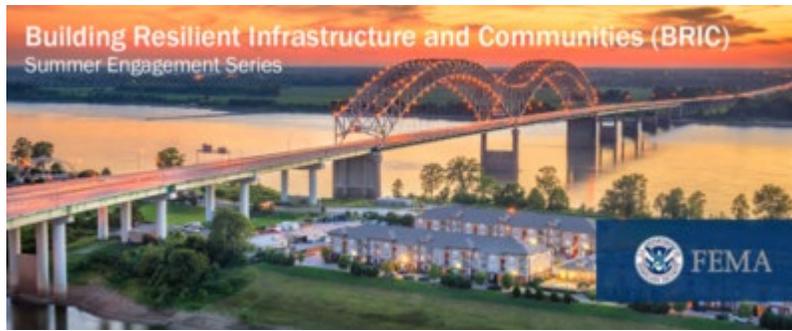
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### BRIC NOFO Announcement

On August 3, 2020 FEMA published a [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) (NOFO) for the FY2020 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program. FEMA has made these federal funds available to states, local communities, tribes, and territories for pre-disaster mitigation activities. BRIC is a result of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA), passed by Congress in October 2018. The new program focuses on comprehensive mitigation and resilient infrastructure projects funded by a 6% set aside of disaster spending.

### BRIC Summer Engagement Series

Throughout the month of July, FEMA introduced the BRIC program in a series of webinars. The BRIC Summer Engagement Series brought FEMA Subject Matter Experts and partners together one day a week to discuss key elements of the newly developed BRIC program. These virtual sessions were geared towards leaders in states, local communities, tribes, and territories, as well as private sector entities, private non-profit organizations, and individuals interested in learning more about the grant program.



#### *BRIC Summer Engagement Series*

Topics for the series included:

- Introduction to BRIC
- Meaning of the BRIC Name
- BRIC and Building Codes
- BRIC and Community Lifelines
- BRIC and Nature-Based Solutions

If you missed the Summer Engagement Series, you can [watch the video recordings](#) of each session and [download copies of the presentations](#) as they become available. For general information and updates to the BRIC program, please visit [FEMA's website](#).

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## **Training Opportunities**

### **IT Security and Privacy Recorded Training Available: RAM End User Account Management**

A new IT Security and Privacy Training for CTPs was developed and held on June 23 and 24, 2020. The goal of this training was to give an overview of the new security requirements being put into place due to FEMA's organizational push to improve privacy and security. Specifically, these requirements apply to granting user accounts for the Risk Map IT applications, such as the Mapping Information Platform (MIP).

If you were unable to attend the training, the recording is now available on [the CTP Collaboration Center](#).

### **FEMA's Emergency Management Institute (EMI): COVID-19 Update**

#### COVID-19 Update

Emergency Management Institute training at the National Emergency Training Center (NETC) and at field locations is cancelled through at least October 1, 2020. This suspension supports CDC social distancing recommendations and allows EMI students to focus on their families and communities. If you were scheduled for a class at NETC, the Admissions Office will contact you to reschedule. EMI will work to reschedule courses for later in the year to the maximum extent possible.

#### Training Opportunities

Despite some delays and cancellations due to COVID-19, EMI is still offering many courses. For information on EMI classes and webinars, please visit the [EMI website](#).

### **Online Training: The Cooperating Technical Partners (CTP) 101 Overview Course**



**Announcing the launch of the IS-2101:  
CTP Overview Course**

Gain a detailed overview of the program from funding basics to the future of the program, program evolution details and direction.

This course is valuable for all CTP levels and is **recommended** for all participants of the EMI 2019 Special Topics courses.

[Click here to access this course.](#)

The [CTP 101 eLearning course](#) is available on the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) training website. This course is designed for communities and Regional and State agencies that are participating in the CTP Programs. The course provides a foundational overview of the CTP Program and addresses specific areas such as funding, resources, eligible activities and Program evolution. The advantages to taking this eLearning course are:

**New CTPs (1-3 years):** Gain a detailed overview of the Program from funding basics to the future of the Program. New CTPs gain a basic understanding of Program elements, functions, terms, concepts and helpful tools.

**Mid-Level CTPs (4-10 years):** Review the Program basics, receive clarification of foundational concepts, explore available tools and resources and be introduced to evolution and Program direction.

**Senior CTPs (>10 years):** Review the Program basics and receive clarification of concepts, Program evolution details and direction.

**Other Stakeholders:** This course is also valuable to organizations who desire to become CTPs, FEMA Risk MAP Staff and providers. These audiences can build foundational program knowledge, an overview of programmatic processes and program history.

Students receive 0.2 CEUs.

The course is also available via mobile technology. You can take course via smart phone, tablet or computer. Compatible systems include iOS and Android. [Click here to take the course.](#)

## Training Hotlinks

The CTP Program offers a number of training opportunities. Some of our top training resources are:

1. [The Self-Assessment Tool](#)
2. [In-Person Training at the Emergency Management Institute](#)
3. [The CTP 101 Course](#)
4. [Various CTP Program Webinars](#)
5. [The CTP Collaboration Center Discussion Board](#)

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## General Announcements

### Have a CTP Best Practice to Share?

Over the past year, the CTP Program has been capturing best practices and developed a template to share those practices across the program. To expand that information sharing and education, the Program is collecting new best practice examples.

To share a best practice created by your CTP organization, download and complete the "[Best Practices Template](#)" and send it to [CTPAdmin@riskmapcds.com](mailto:CTPAdmin@riskmapcds.com) for review. If accepted, the best practice will be included on the CTP Collaboration Center and featured in the Collaboration Monthly.

For more information, a CTP Program Webinar Series titled **Show Your Work - Creating CTP Program Best Practices** was given at the CTP CoP General Committee Meeting. The [webinar](#) can be found on the CTP Collaboration Center. Click [here](#) to see past CTP Best Practices.

### Have Questions? Need Answers? Check out the CTP Program Discussion Board!

CTPs and FEMA staff, particularly if they are new to the program, often have questions. A great way to find answers is to post a question to the [CTP Program Discussion Room](#) on the CTP Collaboration Center. There are several ways we can help get your questions answered:

1. **Mentoring Needs:** If you need mentoring in a topic, we can find someone to work with you.
2. **CTP Program Process Questions:** If you need help with the grants process or other CTP Program-related process questions, we can work with you to answer your questions directly.
3. **CTP-CTP Collaboration:** CTPs can post questions broadly throughout our CTP Program network.
4. **CTP-FEMA Collaboration:** CTPs can pose questions for FEMA and we'll reach out to the appropriate person to answer your query.
5. **Need Tools and Resources:** If you cannot find something you may post a question asking for a resource or where to find it. We'll get back to you personally to help you find it!

Use this Discussion Board to your advantage. Ask questions! Get answers!

## CTP Program Volunteer Opportunities

There are several ways to get more involved in the CTP Program!

1. Talk to your Region about participating in the CoP Steering Committee. The CoP Steering Committee meetings quarterly to discuss the CTP Program's operational goals and objectives
2. Join the CTP Training and Mentoring Working Group
  - Volunteer to be a webinar subject matter expert
  - Sign up to be a Mentor
3. Join the CTP Recognition Program Ops Plan Working Group
4. Join the Performance Measures Ops Plan Working Group
5. Join the Communications Products and Outreach Ops Plan Working Group
6. Join the LOMR Review Partners Program Ops Plan Working Group!

Contact [CTPAdmin@riskmapcds.com](mailto:CTPAdmin@riskmapcds.com) if you are interested in participating in any of these opportunities.

## CTP Collaboration Monthly and RMD News Flash: Send Us Your Article Ideas!

The CTP Program is always looking for CTPs to submit topics or articles for the CTP Collaboration Monthly and the Risk Management National News Flash. If you have a topic or article to submit, or if you or your colleagues are not on the email distribution list for the Collaboration Monthly or News Flash, please contact [CTPAdmin@riskmapcds.com](mailto:CTPAdmin@riskmapcds.com)



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