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FEMA Seeks Public Comment for New Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

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Today, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is announcing an invitation for the public to comment on the development and implementation of Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) Section 1234: National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. This Section is part of the Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act which became law in October 2018, there were more than 50 provisions passed important reforms to federal disaster programs.

Communities from all levels of government federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial, as well as key stakeholders, including private businesses, citizens, vulnerable and at-risk populations, critical infrastructure sectors, and non-profit, academic, and philanthropic organizations are encouraged to provide comment. The development of the BRIC program – and how as a nation we can deliver those outcomes – is vital.

This change will allow FEMA to invest in projects that drive risk reduction and build capability for communities and is consistent with the three overarching strategic goals in FEMA's 2018-2022 Strategic Plan: *Build a Culture of Preparedness*, *Ready the Nation for Catastrophic Disasters*, and *Reduce the Complexity of FEMA*. FEMA and its partners specifically want to discuss and share ideas about Section 1234 with you. For more information on DRRA, visit www.fema.gov/disaster-recovery-reform-act-2018.

Comments will be accepted from May 20 through July 15, 2019, on IdeaScale at <https://fema.ideascale.com/a/campaign-home/61112> or by email at BUILDBRIC@fema.dhs.gov.

FEMA will also host a webinar series during the month of June to provide a brief overview of the different topic areas that are important for the development of the BRIC program. Each session will include an open conversation with stakeholders through the chat platform.

For detailed information of each session, visit <https://www.fema.gov/drra-bric>. The call-in information is the same for each webinar:

Phone: 1-800-320-4330 Code: 338559#

Adobe Connect: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/engage-bric/>

Webinar 1: Infrastructure Mitigation Projects and Community Lifelines

Date: **Thursday June 6, 2019** (2 - 4 p.m. ET)

Webinar 2: Hazard Mitigation Planning, Grant Application and Evaluation, and Risk Based Funding

Date: **Thursday June 13, 2019** (2 - 4 p.m. ET)

Webinar 3: Funding & Resource Management and Benefit-Cost Analysis

Date: **Thursday June 20, 2019** (2 - 4 p.m. ET)

Webinar 4: Building Codes and Enforcement and Capacity and Capability

Date: **Tuesday June 25, 2019** (2 - 4 p.m. ET)

If you have any questions, please contact FEMA's Intergovernmental Affairs Branch at (202) 646-3444 or at FEMA-IGA@fema.dhs.gov.