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Emergency Management Virtual Table Top Exercise (VTTX) Change of Program Manager in October 2014

Purpose: To provide an update on the new Program Manager of the Emergency Management Virtual Table Top Exercise (VTTX) program series.

Background: The VTTX is a series of discussion-based Virtual Tabletop Exercises offered monthly by the Emergency Management Institute (EMI). The VTTX program was launched in September of 2012 and in 2013 won the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Administrator's Award for Innovation. In FY 13, the VTTX program partnered with 231 community-based groups to train over 3,600 participants through only 24, four-hour training events. In FY 14, the VTTX program reached 344 communities and trained over 5,000 participants in 35, four-hour training events. We look forward to event more offerings and scenarios in FY15.

Program Announcement: Effective October 2014, Doug Kahn will assume the lead for the VTTX Program. If you previously applied or corresponded with Todd Wheeler for an upcoming VTTX event, your application is still valid; however, please ensure all future VTTX related correspondence is with Doug Kahn.

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VTTX Program Web Page: The EMI VTTX web page can be found on the [EMI Main Page](#) under the [Programs & Activities](#) tab or at [EMI VTTX](#). The web page included program information as well as the FY15 schedule. Select [FY15 EMI VTTX Schedule](#) for a listing of the VTTX program details, dates for October 2014 to September 2015, and list of scenarios.

Outgoing Program Manager Notes: Thank you to the over 500 communities and close to 9,000 participants of the VTTX community since the program began in September of 2012. I had the honor of working with a myriad of Federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, systems of higher education, and private sector partners over the past two years. The great success of the VTTX program is directly attributed to the hundreds of communities and stakeholders that joined EMI for our monthly discussion-based table top exercise series virtually connected to communities around the country and world. I thank you not only for taking time out of your busy schedules to join in the VTTX for critical thought and information sharing on a variety of hazards and scenarios, but I thank you for what you all do every day to protect lives and property in your respective communities.

To those communities who have not yet experienced a VTTX, I encourage you to consider joining one soon. The program cost \$0 dollars and only four hours of time, but I suggest is a wise investment in your community's emergency management capability.

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