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<b>DIRECTIVE:</b> JOB CORPS INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 11-77
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**TO:**                    ALL JOB CORPS NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF  
                          ALL JOB CORPS REGIONAL STAFF  
                          ALL JOB CORPS CENTER DIRECTORS  
                          ALL JOB CORPS CENTER OPERATORS  
                          ALL NATIONAL TRAINING AND SUPPORT CONTRACTORS  
                          ALL OUTREACH, ADMISSIONS, AND CTS CONTRACTORS

**FROM:**               EDNA PRIMROSE  
                          National Director  
                          Office of Job Corps

**SUBJECT:**            2012 Hurricane Preparedness Reminder

1.     Purpose.    To ensure that the Job Corps community is prepared for the 2012 hurricane season.

2.     Background. Job Corps centers are encouraged to prepare, plan, and stay informed about tropical storms and hurricanes. Center students and staff can plan and prepare by signing up for Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) monthly preparedness tips at <http://www.ready.gov/get-tech-ready>. Monthly text messages are sent to wireless devices and provide information about planning for, adapting to, and recovering from disruptions resulting from emergencies and/or natural disasters. Text messages are not free, and are subject to standard message and data rates.

FEMA has partnered with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and wireless carriers to provide cellular phone users with free location-specific wireless emergency alerts (WEA) to relay presidential, AMBER, imminent-threat and severe weather alerts. WEAs are brief text messages containing basic information about the type of event, duration of the alert and appropriate response action – and are different from FEMA’s monthly preparedness tips. WEAs will have a unique ringtone and vibration that differs from regular text messages. Cellular phone users should check with their wireless carriers for participation information and hardware specifics. (Refer to <http://www.fema.gov/emergency/ipaws/emas.shtm>.)

Noted hurricane forecasters, Dr. Phillip Klotzbach and Dr. William Gray, predict that the 2012 Atlantic hurricane season, which began June 1 and lasts through November 30, will be less active compared to the median 1981-2010 season. Storm predictions include 10 named storms, six hurricanes – two of which will be major (Category 3, 4, or 5 on the Saffir-Simpson Scale). The 2011 Atlantic hurricane season produced 19 tropical storms, seven hurricanes, and four

major hurricanes. The only hurricane to make landfall in the United States was Hurricane Irene. (Refer to <http://tropical.atmos.colostate.edu/forecasts/>.)

3. Action. In accordance with Job Corps Program Requirements Handbook (PRH) Chapter 5, Section 5.20, R3, all Job Corps centers are required to prepare Emergency Action Plans (EAP) to address both natural and man-made disasters. Centers located in areas subject to the effects of tropical storms and hurricanes should have EAPs that include procedures for managing operations during a hurricane. All Job Corps center EAPs should include standard operating procedures for effectively responding to flood-related emergencies.

Job Corps centers located in coastal areas are encouraged to review the following resources:

- Job Corps Information Notice No. 10-91, “2011 Hurricane Preparedness Reminder,” released June 21, 2011;
- Job Corps Information Notice No. 09-90, “Hurricane Preparedness Reminder,” released May 19, 2010;
- The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Hurricane Center, 2012 Hurricane Preparedness Week videos and audio recordings, <http://www.hurricanes.gov/prepare>;
- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Ready America/Hurricanes, <http://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>;
- The American Red Cross, Hurricane Safety Checklist, <http://www.redcross.org/portal/site/en/menuitem.53fabf6cc033f17a2b1ecfbf43181aa0/?vgnextoid=53f0779a32ecb110VgnVCM10000089f0870aRCRD&currPage=a413d7aada352210VgnVCM10000089f0870aRCRD>.

Addressees are to ensure this Information Notice is distributed to all appropriate staff.

4. Expiration Date. Until superseded.

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