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DIRECTIVE: JOB CORPS INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 13-15

TO: ALL JOB CORPS NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF
 ALL JOB CORPS REGIONAL OFFICE STAFF
 ALL JOB CORPS CENTER DIRECTORS
 ALL JOB CORPS CENTER OPERATORS
 ALL NATIONAL TRAINING AND SUPPORT CONTRACTORS
 ALL OUTREACH, ADMISSIONS, AND CTS CONTRACTORS

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SUBJECT: Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) National
 Preparedness Month Reminder and 2013 Hurricane Predictions Update

1. Purpose. To inform Job Corps centers about FEMA National Preparedness Month 2013, and to remind centers in coastal areas to continue to plan and prepare for tropical storms and hurricanes.
2. Background. September 2013 is National Preparedness Month. FEMA continues to provide information and links to available resources to assist with disaster planning, preparation, and recovery. FEMA partnered with the Ad Council to develop Public Service Announcements (PSAs) that use humor and sarcasm to demonstrate what families should not do when planning and preparing for emergencies. The PSAs and other resources are available at <http://www.multivu.com/mnr/63031-ad-council-ready-kids-fema-national-preparedness-month>. FEMA's overall goal is to get people to include emergency preparation into their daily routines.

September is the half-way point of the 6-month Atlantic hurricane season. Noted hurricane forecasters Phillip Klotzbach and William Gray have revised their predictions for the remainder of 2013 Atlantic hurricane season. The revised storm predictions include 14 named storms, eight hurricanes, and three major hurricanes (Category 3, 4, or 5 on the Saffir-Simpson Scale). The revised forecast is available at <http://www.caribbean360.com/news/870030.html#ixzz2dw98K2Jw>

Job Corps centers located in and or near coastal areas (up to 600 miles inland) are reminded to continue to plan and prepare for potential tropical storms and hurricanes. For more information about hurricane preparedness, review Job Corps Information Notices 12-56, "2013 Hurricane Preparedness Reminder," released May 17, 2013, and IN 11-77, "2012 Hurricane Preparedness Reminder," released June 18, 2012.

3. Action. All Center Operators, Center Directors, and Safety Officers are encouraged to:

- Read about National Preparedness Month 2013 Toolkit, <http://community.fema.gov/connect.ti/readynpm/view?objectId=3200688>
- Review free informational materials appropriate for the center's needs, for National Preparedness Month, <http://www.ready.gov/publications>
- Review the FEMA Sample School Emergency Operations Plan (training), <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/emischool/EL361Toolkit/assets/SamplePlan.pdf>

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

4. Expiration Date. Until superseded.

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