

August 29, 2014

<b>DIRECTIVE:</b> JOB CORPS INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 14-06
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**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

**FROM:**                LENITA JACOBS-SIMMONS  
                             Acting National Director  
                             Office of Job Corps

**SUBJECT:**            FEMA National Preparedness Month Reminder, and 2014 Hurricane  
                             Predictions Update

1.     Purpose. To inform Job Corps centers about National Preparedness Month 2014, and to remind centers in coastal areas to continue to plan and prepare for tropical storms and hurricanes.
2.     Background. September 2014 is National Preparedness Month. The Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) continues to provide information and links assist with disaster planning, preparation, and recovery. September 30, 2014, marks the second “National PrepareAthon! Day” of the year. Individuals, communities, and organizations are encouraged to “Be Smart. Take Part. Prepare and Join America’s Movement to Stay Safe during Disasters.”

This PrepareAthon! focuses on preparing for earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, and winter storms. Detailed information about the September 30, 2014, observance, including disaster planning, promotional materials, and participant registration is available at <http://www.community.fema.gov/connect.ti/AmericasPrepareathon/view?objectId=3222352&exp=e1>.

September is the half-way point in the 6-month Atlantic hurricane season. Noted hurricane forecasters, Phillip Klotzbach and William Gray have revised their predictions, and suggest that a below-average hurricane season continues due to atmospheric and oceanic conditions that are not favorable to the formation of tropical storms. The revised storm predictions include nine named storms, three hurricanes, and one major hurricane (Category 3, 4, or 5 on the Saffir-Simpson Scale). The complete revised forecast is available at <http://tropical.atmos.colostate.edu/forecasts/2014/aug2014/aug2014.pdf>.

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 Notice 13-57, “2014 Hurricane Preparedness Reminder,” dated May 22, 2014.

3. Action. All Center Operators, Center Directors, and Safety Officers are encouraged to review the following resources:

- FEMA, America’s PrepareAthon! 2014  
<http://www.community.fema.gov/connect.ti/AmericasPrepareathon>
- 2014 National Preparedness Month (NPM), “Be Disaster Aware, Take Action to Prepare,” <http://www.ready.gov/september>
- American Red Cross, Disaster and Safety Library- Tools and Resources,  
<http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster-safety-library>

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

4. Expiration Date. Until superseded.

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