FEMA's National Exercise Program Streamlines Application to Once per Year

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FEMA's National Exercise Program provides state, local, tribal and territorial jurisdictions with no-cost technical assistance for exercises. Support is tailored to the needs of the jurisdiction and can include assistance with exercise planning, design, scenario development, conduct, and evaluation. Traditionally, the application process for this exercise support was semiannual, but to streamline the application process and provide better customer service, applications will now be accepted once per year.

The 2023 Exercise Support application period is open through June 1. Applications are open to all state, local, tribal and territorial governments but new applicants, especially those from underserved jurisdictions, are urged to apply. There is no associated cost share for selected jurisdictions for this exercise assistance.

The National Exercise Program examines and validates capabilities in all preparedness mission areas: Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response and Recovery. Exercise support proposals should account for the time required to fulfill the exercise design stages of their concept. such as exercise planning and development.

For details about this opportunity, visit <u>About the National Exercise Program | FEMA.gov</u>. Program staff is available to address specific exercise support application questions. Write to <u>NEP@fema.dhs.gov</u> and include "2023 Exercise Support Question" in the subject line. An invitation will be sent to participate in weekday office hour sessions.

FEMA will host a series of webinars to discuss the exercise support process. All webinars will offer the same content. To attend one of the webinars, <u>register in advance</u>.

- Session 1: 2 p.m. ET on Tuesday, April 11
- Session 2: 3 p.m. ET on Thursday, April 13
- Session 3: 2 p.m. ET on Tuesday, April 18



- Session 4: 3 p.m. ET on Thursday, April 20
- Session 5: 2 p.m. ET on Tuesday, April 25
- Session 6: 3 p.m. ET on Thursday, April 27

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