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IAEM-USA SR: 2nd Vice President's Message

Dear Prospective AEM/CEM Student;
As you continue your studies in the growing field of Emergency Management, I want to invite you to take the first step in obtaining the credentials necessary to becoming an Emergency Manager. The IAEM USA Student Region is pleased help students complete their portfolio and prepare for the written test at the Annual Conference in November. In order to meet the necessary deadlines, students need to submit their portfolio no later than September 18, 2009. Students who pass the portfolio approval stage in September will be eligible to take the written exam at the IAEM 57th Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida, on November 5, 2009. To help students defray the costs associated with the AEM/CEM program application, the USA Student Region is offering to reimburse the first 25 students with approved applications who also pass the written exam up to \$100.00 each. Students are eligible to seek one of the two credentials stated below:

The Associate Emergency Manager (AEM) program is designed for college students who have not obtained a baccalaureate degree. The AEM program is an entry level credential that better allows beginning professionals to engage in the certification program and begin establishing a benchmark of their professional activities.

The Certified Emergency Manager® (CEM®) program is designed for students or graduate students with a baccalaureate degree from a regionally-accredited university in the United States. To better prepare students for this process and to sign up for the

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program, I will be holding an information session on June 08, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. (1300 hrs) EDT.

Students may join the conference call at 1-877-643-6951, code is 21082304#. Students interested in participating in the program are required to be on this conference call. Handouts will be made available on the IAEM Student Council website at <http://www.iaem.com/students>.

Following the information session, students must participate in regularly scheduled calls to answer any necessary questions and walk them through the next steps. Even if you think you are not ready to start the process, please join the call and learn more about what the AEM/CEM is all about. Recipients of the award will be asked to mentor other students the following year to allow this program to continue to grow. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at christian@lanphere.org or at my office, 617-665-3872.

Respectfully Submitted:

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IRCD-The International Research Committee on Disasters

SAMUEL HENRY PRINCE DISSERTATION AWARD

This Award is named for the Canadian, Samuel Prince, who in 1920 wrote the first doctoral dissertation on a disaster topic in the social sciences. This award is given in recognition for initial and notable accomplishments by disaster researchers in the social and behavioral sciences. The intent of the International Sociological Association's Research Committee on Disasters in giving this award is to encourage the early identification of exceptional research talent, to the extent it can be indicated by a doctoral dissertation.

All nominees should send the following:

- 1) Curriculum Vita (limit 5 pages)
- 2) Dissertation Abstract (5-8 pages) Abstracts must address how the dissertation is innovative, cutting edge methodologically and grounded within relevant disaster frameworks, and applicable to the disaster field.
- 3) Two letters of recommendation from dissertation advisors, committee members, or others familiar with the research. Letters should be sent separately and incorporate the assessment criteria and overall quality of the dissertation.

If you know a doctoral dissertation in one of the social or behavioral sciences that you think deserves consideration for the Prince Award, please have the nominee send all relevant materials to the committee.

All application materials should be sent by email to Dr. William Lovekamp welovekamp@eiu.edu by the deadline of midnight, July 1, 2009. Please send CV and abstract as one pdf file.

Training Opportunity from WVU

Homeland Security Programs at West Virginia University (HSP at WVU) is pleased to announce our new FEMA funded online course, "Forensic Epidemiology: Joint Training for Law Enforcement and Public Health Officials."

This online course has been developed to foster improved coordination of the investigative goals and methods specific to each discipline and to strengthen interdisciplinary collaborative effectiveness in response to future events involving biological or other agents.

The training and course materials are FREE for a limited time and are funded through grants from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Training and Exercise Integration/Training Operations (TEI/TO).

FMI: <http://tinyurl.com/qnv47h>

IAEM Student Council Bylaws approved

Thank you all for voting in the last election. With 92% and 82% voting to approve, the Bylaw amendments were approved. The bylaws can be downloaded from www.iaem.com/students

Student Dues

Student dues for 2009-2010 will increase to \$30.

As a special promotion for students, those that join IAEM now will receive the remainder of the 2008-2009 year along with the 2009-2010 year for the new \$30 dues. Please encourage your fellow students and colleagues to consider joining now!



Radiant RFID Opportunities

During the 2009 hurricane season, June 1 – November 30, Radiant RFID is seeking deployment staff to support the Special Needs Evacuation Tracking System (SNETS); designed for the evacuation of special needs citizens during emergency events. Job openings are available at embarkation and shelter sites throughout the State of Texas.

Brief Job Description Embarkation/Enrollment location:

- Placing wristbands on evacuees, tagging pets and medical assets, and using a laptop to log evacuee information into the system.
- Assisting in flow of people onto busses and through enrollment process as necessary
- Scanning people, pets, and medical assets onto busses using handheld scanners
- Helping to determine process flow of enrollment and bus loading as needed

Brief Job Description Shelter locations

- Helping to determine process flow for receiving evacuees and pets as necessary
- Set up and verification of RFID portal functionality
- Scanning people, pets, and medical assets with handheld scanner as necessary
- Monitoring the scanning of people, pets, medical assets through RFID portal

Training for both positions will be available through scheduled webinar sessions, and prior to deployment as “Just in Time” Training.

Job Requirements

- Prior to the beginning of hurricane season each contractor will be required to read documents explaining how to set up and monitor the systems.
- Availability on short notice for deployment to embarkation or shelter cities during a hurricane or other emergency evacuation. Short notice is defined as 3-4 days prior to a hurricane hitting landfall.
- Availability for duration of evacuation (potentially one week) unless otherwise negotiated.
- Ability to work an average of 15 hour days
- Must be able to lift 50lbs
- Must have a valid U.S drivers license
- Successfully pass background check
- Support of Radiant RFID equipment and State of Texas as defined in Statement of Work.
- Professional demeanor representing Radiant RFID at all times.

Compensation

- Hourly rate of \$25
- Per diem rate as given by the State (usually \$40/day)
- Hotel Accommodations as necessary (rate given by State)

Get to know Radiant RFID at www.radiantrfid.com

For additional information specific to deployment staffing please visit us at: www.radiantrfid.com/IAEM.html (please type in browser)

Contratulations to all the 2009 Graduates!

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