



Dear Colleagues,

We would like to invite you to a briefing on the President's FY12 Budget Request for the NOAA National Weather Service. In addition to the budget discussion, we will provide a briefing on how the NWS' new Strategic Plan envisions our future role and contributions to state and local governments.

Dr. Jack Hayes, NOAA Assistant Administrator for Weather Services and National Weather Service Director, will lead the discussion at the Hall of States in Washington, D.C. on March 21, 2011, beginning at 2:00 p.m. eastern time, in room 233.

Other senior NWS leaders will join Dr. Hayes to answer questions.

Reserve your seat at the Hall of States by email to [nws.communications.office@noaa.gov](mailto:nws.communications.office@noaa.gov). Seating is limited.

You can also join us by Webinar:

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/868657176>

After you register, you will receive an email with instructions for accessing the Webinar. The email will contain instructions for joining a conference call so you may hear the presentation. This conference call will have an operator who will act as a moderator during the Question and Answer period after Dr. Hayes' presentation.

The Hall of States is located at 444 N Capitol St NW (between D St & N E St) Washington, DC. Use of public transportation is encouraged. The Metro stop closest to the Hall of States is Union Station.

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Thank you for your continued interest in NWS issues and programs. Please contact us if you have any questions, 301-713-0812

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