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## News Release

### **Nevada Governor Meets with U.S. Council of International Association of Emergency Managers**

(Falls Church, Va. – Nov. 11, 2011) The Honorable Brian Sandoval, Governor of the State of Nevada, met today with the U.S. Council of the International Association of Emergency Managers. He thanked the nation's emergency managers for their work and welcomed them to the state for the association's annual conference. Governor Sandoval commended IAEM-USA leaders for their "work to support the military-civilian interface." He expressed interest in IAEM-USA's recently issued paper **Preparedness: A Principled Return on Investment**, which presents a principle-based process to developing measures of return on investment for preparedness grant programs and also suggests a cohesive framework of outcomes that can be used to develop meaningful measures.

More than 2,500 emergency managers from around the United States and the world are gathering in Las Vegas, Nev., to attend the International Association of Emergency Managers U.S. (IAEM-USA) 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and EMEX 2011, Nov. 11-18, at the Rio All-Suites Hotel. The conference theme is **The Stakes Are High for Emergency Managers**. IAEM-USA's EMEX Exhibit brings together homeland security and disaster preparedness suppliers. More than 180 suppliers will exhibit the latest technologies available to local emergency managers.

This IAEM flagship event draws members of the largest professional organization for emergency managers and homeland security officials to help leaders prepare for disasters that could strike their communities. The U.S. Department of Defense will hold its Emergency Management Summit in conjunction with the conference further building synergies between civilian and military at the IAEM event. The IAEM Conference sessions are designed to provide a forum for current trends and hot topics, as well as tools and technology in emergency management and homeland security.

On Monday, Nov. 14, Governor Sandoval will return to speak at the opening ceremonies for the conference, after which Richard Serino, Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), will deliver the Keynote Address.

The media is welcome to attend the sessions and the EMEX exhibit. The conference schedule is available on the IAEM website at [www.iaem.com/Conference](http://www.iaem.com/Conference). Please notify the communications manager of your attendance plans by emailing [Shiley@iaem.com](mailto:Shiley@iaem.com) and register with your credentials when you arrive.

**Photo Attached:** "The Honorable Brian Sandoval, Governor of the State of Nevada, met with the U.S. Council of the International Association of Emergency Managers, as IAEM-USA's 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference & EMEX Exhibit begins in Las Vegas."

*IAEM-USA, the nation's largest emergency management professional association, is a non-profit professional organization representing more than 5,000 emergency management and homeland security professionals for local communities, state and federal disaster officials, private sector, non-governmental organizations and others involved in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from all types of disasters including acts of terrorism. IAEM provides: access to the largest network of emergency management experts who can provide advice and assistance; the Certified Emergency Manager<sup>®</sup> program; annual scholarships; a comprehensive monthly newsletter; and more.*