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NEWS RELEASE

IAEM Announces Winners of 2010 Global Awards Competition

Sept. 15, 2010 (Falls Church, Va.) – The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) has announced the winners of its IAEM-Global 2010 Awards Competition. The awards will be presented at the 2010 Asia-Oceania Resilience Conference, Oct. 5-6, 2010, in Singapore.

The **IAEM-Global Partners in Preparedness Award** recognizes programs or processes that demonstrate innovative, multi-participant involvement between local governments/governmental entities and private sector businesses, non-governmental organizations/non-profits, or individuals which have resulted in effective and efficient incident management, emergency management or homeland security processes. **The 2010 winner is the Christchurch City Council, the Canterbury CDEM Emergency Management Office, and the Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management (MCDEM)** for their collaboration on "Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Conversations: Tsunami Risks & Response to Warnings in the Christchurch Coastal Evacuation Zone," a project to pilot resilience-building initiatives in metropolitan areas.

The **IAEM-Global Business & Industry Preparedness Award** is based on excellence in implementing a program that plans for multiple hazards, sets implementation priorities, is cost effective, links all levels of the organization, and coordinates with local emergency response and management agencies. The program must be repeatable by similar organizations in business and industry. **The 2010 winner is Fresenius Medical Care of North America** for its Emergency/Disaster Response Program.

The **IAEM-Global Partners in Public Awareness Awards** recognize programs or processes that demonstrate innovative, multi-participant involvement between local governments/governmental entities and private sector businesses, non-governmental organizations/non-profits, or individuals which have resulted in effective and efficient incident management, emergency management or homeland security processes. The 2010 winners are:

- *Division 1 (Local Emergency Management Agency):* The Public Education Group, a sub-group of the Wellington Region Civil Defence Emergency Management Group for its publication of "It's Easy! Get Prepared for an Emergency," a step-by-step emergency preparedness guide that enables people to complete 12 steps required to be prepared for an emergency.
- *Division 2 (State/Regional National Government, International, or Non-Profit Organization):* Clinton County (Michigan) Emergency Management for its www.do1thing.us program.
- *Division 3 (Commercial or Other Non-Profit Organizations):* Emergency Management & Safety Solutions, Inc., for its Pandemic Blog: H1N1 (Swine Flu) – Pandemic Influenza News.

The **IAEM-Global Technology & Innovation Awards** recognize the development of technology and innovation to improve emergency management operations, public education, or the emergency management/homeland security field. The 2010 winners are:

- *Division 1 (Local Emergency Management Agency):* Pierce County (Washington) Department of Emergency Management for its PCDEM Information Portal.
- *Division 2 (State/Regional National Government, International, or Non-Profit Organization):* The Australian Red Cross for its "After the Emergency" youth recovery resources developed in response to the 2009 Victorian bushfires as immediate and long-term resources for young people (12-25) affected by disasters.

Learn more about the IAEM-Global Awards Competition at www.iaem.com/Awards, where the 2011 Call for Entries will be posted in Spring 2011.

The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), which has more than 5,000 members in 58 countries, is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to promoting the goals of saving lives and protecting property during emergencies and disasters. IAEM provides: access to the largest network of emergency management experts who can provide advice and assistance; the Certified Emergency Manager® program; annual scholarships; a comprehensive monthly newsletter; and more. Visit www.iaem.com for details.