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## NEWS RELEASE

### IAEM-Oceania Announces Winners of the 2010 IAEM-Oceania Awards Competition

**Sept. 14, 2010 (Falls Church, Va.)** – The Oceania Council of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) has announced the winners of its IAEM-Oceania 2010 Awards Competition. The awards will be presented at the 2010 Asia-Oceania Resilience Conference, Oct. 5-6, 2010, in Singapore.

The **IAEM-Oceania 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-Oceania 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 IAEM-Oceania Public Awareness Award, Division 1 (Local Emergency Management Agency), is 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.

The **IAEM-Oceania 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 IAEM-Oceania Technology & Innovation Award, Division 2 (State/Regional National Government, International, or Non-Profit Organization) winner is 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-Oceania Awards Competition at [www.iaem.com/Awards](http://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](http://www.iaem.com) for details.