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## NEWS RELEASE

### **IAEM Announces That EM Research Can Now Be Counted as Professional Contribution When Applying for Certified Emergency Manager® Credential**

**Nov. 11, 2008 (Falls Church, VA)** – The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) has announced that the Certified Emergency Manager® (CEM®) Commission has approved a change in the *Professional Contributions* requirement for candidates for the CEM® credential. The change allows the conducting of emergency management research to be counted toward the *Professional Contributions* requirement.

The concept of professionalism is ultimately defined as one's contributions to the emergency management profession. Candidates for the CEM® can list any and all such activities, giving special consideration to the most current activities. Specific verification documenting each activity is requested, and submissions for at least six (6) different categories of professional contribution are required. All submissions must contribute to and support the field of disaster/emergency management, have occurred during the 10 years preceding the CEM® application, and must be beyond the scope of the candidate's normal job responsibilities. Any assignments that are included on a candidate's job description do not qualify.

The new category of professional contribution, "Conducting Research," is defined as follows:

**Conducting Research.** Play a significant role in the development and execution of an emergency management research project. For example: producing professor-supervised graduate-level research for a graduate thesis or dissertation; developing a project under the Natural Hazards Centers' Quick Response program; publishing research that updates previous research projects with new data; producing independent analysis for government or non-government interest groups (ex. Congressional Research Service, IAEM, Rand Corporation); or research related to expert testimony before relevant government bodies with subpoena authority (state legislatures, some city councils). Producing after action reviews, local hazards analyses, and regular school reports and papers do not qualify under this contribution. Being an interview subject for a research project does not qualify either. The CEM® candidate must validate his/her role and provide a copy of the final research.

#### **About the Certified Emergency Manager® Program**

CEM® certification is a peer review process administered through the International Association of Emergency Managers. IAEM membership is not a requirement of certification, but it does offer applicants a number of benefits that can assist them through the certification process. Certification is maintained in five-year cycles. The CEM® program is served by a CEM® Commission that is comprised of emergency management professionals, including representatives from allied fields, education, the military and private industry. Development of the CEM® program was supported by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA), and a host of allied organizations. Learn about the CEM® program at [www.iaem.com/CEM](http://www.iaem.com/CEM).

#### **About IAEM**

The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) is a non-profit organization consisting of more than 4,000 emergency management professionals from local, state and federal governments, the military, private industry, and volunteer organizations worldwide. EM professionals perform the crucial function of coordinating and integrating the efforts at the local level to prepare for, mitigate the effects of, respond to, and recover from all types of disasters including terrorist attacks. IAEM has consistently promoted the goals of saving lives and protecting property during emergencies and disasters since its founding in 1952 as the U.S. Civil Defense Council. IAEM administers the Certified Emergency Manager® Program and the IAEM Scholarship Program. Find out more about IAEM at [www.iaem.com](http://www.iaem.com).