



To: Local Government Emergency Managers  
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Subject: Help Urgently Needed on EMPG Survey  
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Dear Local Emergency Manager:

IAEM-USA is conducting a survey seeking information from US local government emergency management offices about Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) funding again this year. We need your participation.

Significant progress has been made in recent years in educating Members of Congress on the importance of building and maintaining strong emergency management programs at the local level, as well as the role of funding, particularly EMPG funding, in building such programs. Even so, it was a significant challenge last year to achieve \$350 million for EMPG. The FY 2012 budget year is expected to be even more difficult than FY 2011.

To keep the EMPG funding at its current levels, Congress needs evidence of what they are getting for the EMPG money; and, we have to be able to communicate EMPG's value better than we have before. This year's EMPG survey is designed to give them clear evidence by going beyond the questions we have asked in past years.

It is our hope that you will complete a survey on behalf of your jurisdiction *whether or not you receive EMPG funds*. It is also our hope that you answer the questions honestly—even answering “no” or “zero” where applicable. We need to provide Congress with as accurate a picture as possible.

The survey is available at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/EMPGROI2012>

Attached to this email you will find a sheet that outlines some of the information you might find useful to have on-hand as you complete the survey.

**We are requesting that the survey be completed by February 6, 2012.** Should you need to exit the survey prior to completing it, you can return to your survey from the same computer any time prior to February 6 to finish by following the link provided above.

Please send an email to [comments@iaem.com](mailto:comments@iaem.com) or call Jessica Jensen—the research consultant who is volunteering her time to assist us with this [project](#)—[Ja.Jensen@ndsu.edu](mailto:Ja.Jensen@ndsu.edu) if you encounter any technical issues or have questions.