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News Release

Certified Emergency Manager Program Builds Template to Partner with Academic Institutions – Adelphi University is the First to Partner

June 16, 2014 (Falls Church, Va.) – The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) Global Board approved a partnership agreement template encouraging collaboration between the IAEM Certified Emergency Manager (CEM®) Program and colleges, universities and academies worldwide.

The purpose is to establish working relationships between both partners to encourage students and faculty of universities, colleges or academies that offer degree work in some aspect of domestic or international emergency management or related program to seek professional certification under the CEM and AEM process.

The agreement outlines that IAEM will informally assess the curriculum to ascertain whether completion of the curriculum will reduce the comprehensive emergency management experience requirements from three years to two years; will assist with coordination of CEM/AEM exam opportunities at the institution; and will update points of contact of changes to procedures and policies affecting the certification process.

The partner institution agrees to encourage students to consider professional certification under the CEM/AEM process; initiate partnering with campus and local emergency management agencies to provide students with practical comprehensive emergency management experience; and consider the requirements of the CEM/AEM certification process in curriculum planning with the goal of increasing the competitive status of applicants who matriculate and complete the requirements for an Emergency Management degree or a degree in a related program.

Adelphi University (Garden City, New York) was the first educational institution to officially sign the partnership agreement. Adelphi University offers a bachelor of science in emergency services administration, a graduate certificate in emergency management and a masters of science in emergency management. All courses are offered online. IAEM encourages other institutions to develop a partnership with the Certified Emergency Manager program today. Information on partnerships is available under the Resource Center at www.iaem.com/cem

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 program; annual scholarships; a comprehensive monthly newsletter; and more.

The emergency management certification program (CEM/AEM) was developed by IAEM with funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and guidance from an advisory board, which included professionals from a variety of disciplines and representatives of key groups with a stake in emergency management

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