

## Mark Your Calendar

Date: Nov 20, 2003

Time: 9:30 am – 2:30 pm

Location:

Cosmos Club

2121 Massachusetts Ave  
Washington, DC

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# HAZUS User Group INVITATION

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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## National Capital Region HAZUS-MH User Group



You are invited to participate in the newly forming National Capital Region HAZUS-MH User Group (NCR HUG) sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and UTD Inc. The NCR HUG is a public-private partnership made up of volunteer organizations and individuals to effectively coordinate the evolving use of HAZUS-MH to support both natural and manmade risk management activities, and to involve all

relevant stakeholder groups interested in Critical Infrastructure Protection, Weapons of Mass Destruction, and Emergency Operations.

### Who Should Attend?

Federal, State and Local GIS/Geospatial Specialists, Private Industry, Universities, Engineers, Scientists, Geologists, and others involved with geospatial and risk assessment activities.

### Meeting Objectives

The NCR HUG is looking for organizations and individuals to participate in the creation of the Strategic Plan, serve as chairs of committees, and participate as subject matter experts.

A draft NCR HUG Strategic Plan is posted on the NCR HUG website. The draft plan provides the background and evolution of DHS publications, CIP, WMD, and Emergency Planning and several excerpts from FEMA 426. Also on the website are a number of the DHS publications including The National Security Strategy, The National Security Strategy For The Protection of Critical Infrastructure And Key Assets, the National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace, The National Response Plan, the DoD Minimum Antiterrorism Standards For New And Existing Buildings, the Interagency Security Committee Security Standards For Leased Space Final Report, and the National Capital Urban Design and Security Plan.

This is an initial meeting limited to 100 participants to determine the extent of interest, discuss the number and type of meetings, and develop a larger list of organizations and people that would be interested in participating with the NCR HUG.

For more information, visit the NCR  
HUG website at  
<<http://www.hazus.org>>

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### Background on the NCR HUG

The NCR HUG began as a result of an informal collaboration of GIS, engineering and sciences professionals that have been supporting Critical Infrastructure Protection assessments, Weapons of Mass Destruction analysis, and Emergency Operations-Continuity of Operations Planning for FEMA, the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, the National Imagery and Mapping Agency, Coast Guard, General Services Administration and the Department of Justice.

With the creation of the Department of Homeland Security and the transition of several of the agencies into DHS, the reorganization of NIMA, DTRA and other agencies to support the broader National Security Strategy objectives, the opportunity to share the expertise in modeling and simulation of blast, WMD, and catastrophic emergency operations in response to terrorist activities can be provided by the NCR HUG. HAZUS-MH is ideally suited to support the National Capital Urban Design and Security Plan.

The NCR HUG will facilitate the use HAZUS-MH for natural disasters and provide technical and policy support for the integration of manmade hazards into future versions of HAZUS-MH. In addition, the NCR HUG can provide input to and coordination with new DHS publications such as the FEMA 426 Reference Manual to Mitigate Potential Terrorist Attacks Against Buildings and the DHS National Response Plan. The primary purpose of forming the NCR HUG is to efficiently use the resources of each participating organization toward reaching the common goal of creating more disaster-resistant communities and to develop relationships to facilitate the sharing of data, ideas, and resources.

### Agenda:

- 0930 -1000 Introduction of attendees, Overview of DHS, NIMA, DTRA programs
- 1000-1030 Overview of DHS-FEMA publications, HAZUS-MH
- 1030-1100 Break/Attendee Discussion, individual module application demos
- 1100-1200 HAZUS-MH application demonstration (wind and flood)
- 1200-1300 Lunch (Keynote Speaker TBD)
- 1300-1330 HAZUS-MH application demonstration (seismic, blast and WMD plume)
- 1330-1400 Break/Attendee Discussion, individual module application demos
- 1400-1420 Group Open Discussion
- 1420-1430 Summary and Conclusion

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build more disaster-resistant communities!**

### **Hotel Information for Washington, DC:**

Cosmos Club – 2121 Massachusetts Ave, Washington DC (202) 387-7783  
(Available at government per diem rates, please RSVP with Damian Kolbay)

Holiday Inn Washington-Capitol– 550 C Street, Washington DC (202) 479-4000  
(Mention FEMA for government rate)

### **Lunch/Dining:**

Lunch is available at the club for \$30/person and includes:

Sandwich  
Fruits and Deserts  
Tea, coffee, soda

Please make a reservation with Damian Kolbay for lunch at the club. There are also several sandwich shops and restaurants nearby at Dupont Circle and Adams Morgan areas.

### **Directions:**

The Cosmos Club is located at the intersection of Massachusetts and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street in Washington, DC. Parking is located at the rear of the club and is accessed off of 22<sup>nd</sup> street. If arriving by the Red Line metro Dupont Circle station, exit to Q Street North and proceed down Q Street two blocks to the intersection of Massachusetts.