



FEMA Announces Public Outreach Efforts And Comment Period Extension For PS-Prep

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»PS-Prep Public Meetings Information

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced today a series of public meetings that will be held to discuss the DHS Voluntary Private Sector Preparedness Accreditation and Certification Program (PS-Prep).

PS-Prep is a partnership between DHS and the private sector that will enable private entities—including businesses, non-profit organizations and universities—to receive emergency preparedness certification from a system DHS created in coordination with the private sector.

The purpose of these meetings is to provide the public with an opportunity to engage in dialogue with DHS staff and program managers regarding an October 16, 2009, Federal Register Notice (74 FR 53286) announcing DHS' intent to select three standards for adoption in the PS-Prep program.

The dates, times (local time) and locations of the public meetings are listed below. Meeting participants are requested to be seated no later than 12:50 p.m. (local time).

Date	Time	Location
November 17	1 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Holiday Inn Chicago O'Hare. 5615 North Cumberland Avenue Chicago, IL 60631 www.hiohare.com
November 18	1 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Holiday Inn Kansas City Airport 11728 NW Ambassador Drive Kansas City, MO 64153 www.holidayinn.com/kciaairport
November 19	1 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Dallas/Fort Worth Marriott Hotel & Golf Club at Champions Circle 3300 Championship Parkway Fort Worth, Texas 76177 www.marriott.com/dfwmc
December 1	1 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Oakland Marriott City Center 1001 Broadway Oakland, CA 94607 www.oaklandmarriott.com

December 2	1 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Holiday Inn SEATAC International Airport 17338 International Boulevard Seattle, WA 98188 www.holidayinn.com
December 3	1 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Marriott Denver City Center 1701 California Street Denver, CO 80202 www.marriott.com
December 8	1 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Marriott Philadelphia Airport. One Arrivals Road Philadelphia, PA 19153 www.marriott.com
December 9	1 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Sheraton Boston Hotel 39 Dalton Street Boston, MA 02199 www.sheratonboston.com
December 10	1 p.m. – 5 p.m.	LaGuardia Marriott 102-05 Ditmars Boulevard East Elmhurst, NY 11369 www.marriott.com
December 14	1 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Sheraton Gateway Hotel 1900 Sullivan Road Atlanta, GA 30337 www.sheraton.com

As a result of these outreach efforts, the comment period that was originally established in the October 16, 2009, Federal Register Notice (74 FR 53286) has been extended to January 15, 2010.

For more information about PS-Prep, please visit: www.fema.gov/privatesectorpreparedness/.

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.