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Enterprise Risk Management for Critical Infrastructure Protection

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SUMMARY: In September 2008, George Mason University was awarded a three-year, \$3.5 million cooperative agreement by FEMA to develop and deploy a training program based on the application of enterprise risk management (ERM) concepts for strategic all-hazards analysis and critical infrastructure protection.

TARGET AUDIENCE: This project will be piloted in the energy sector, targeted to industry executives, managers, and government officials. Bringing together both government and private sector, each course will encourage understanding of different motivations and responsibilities, and will support development of a common language for all-hazards management.

COURSE STRUCTURE: The training will be national in scope, and will be taught at various locations throughout the United States. The course will be highly interactive, including exercises and case studies. The structure has yet to be finalized, but will likely involve both classroom and online training modules.

The training may be customized for particular geographic or industry participants. For example, one course may focus on the mid-Atlantic region; another may target petroleum and natural gas industries. The development of particular training courses depends on identified needs of both the government and private sector. Course structure and content will be continuously revised and refined based upon course evaluations and expert advice from the energy sector and risk management professionals.

TIMEFRAME: The pilot training course will be conducted in late 2009 / early 2010. Additional courses will follow in 2010 and 2011.