

# National Mitigation Alliance

## Summary

The National Mitigation Alliance is a collaborative initiative providing a forum for public and private sector groups, non-profit organizations, and academia to address the importance of mitigating loss of life and property during disaster. The Alliance consists of over 20 organizations representing local, state, federal, private, and academic professionals all dedicated to the advancement of mitigation principles across the full spectrum of emergency management. The initial membership represents a significant sample of key stakeholders but the Alliance will reach out to other critical partners to enhance the mission of discussion, collaboration, and coordination.

Protecting critical investments is more than mitigating damage to life and property. It also includes understanding the critical role mitigation plays in the economy and overall resiliency of the nation. Individually, each member of the Alliance has worked to support mitigation efforts around the country. Through collaboration, the Alliance reaches across disciplines to help develop a comprehensive national mitigation framework.

The Alliance encourages diverse opinions and provides a neutral forum for the exchange of ideas. While policy discussions remain a key component to the Alliance, policy recommendations will be left to individual members, allowing the Alliance as a whole to debate, develop, and eventually provide balanced input to the federal government.

## Background

In 2009, the National Emergency Management Association entered into a cooperative agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to bring together mitigation stakeholders from across the country and facilitate a white paper illustrating the growing importance mitigation has on the resiliency of the nation. The white paper was released in July of the same year and outlined many recommendations, one of which called for the creation of a National Collaborative Alliance to enable broad mitigation policy consideration and development.

Membership in the Alliance is open to all mitigation stakeholders. The Alliance recently developed governance documents and looks forward to continued meetings and collaboration in the future. Members of the Alliance continue as subject matter experts as needed to provide input into current mitigation policies and challenges.

## Alliance Leadership

NEMA serves as the administrative arm of the National Mitigation Alliance and will serve as a permanent tri-chair as outlined in the governance documents. The remaining two chair positions are elected annually by the Alliance membership.

### Alliance Vision

A collaborative effort of organizations dedicated to the advancement of hazard mitigation through shared knowledge, education, strategic partnerships, and policy in order to achieve increased resilience and disaster resistance.

### Alliance Mission

To provide a forum for discussion, collaboration, and coordination of mitigation ideas, innovations, and actions that influence and encourage the development of safer environments for the American public to live, work, and play.

### More Information

The Mitigation Alliance is currently administered by the National Emergency Management Association

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