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NEWS RELEASE

IAEM Announces Winners of 2011 Global Awards Competition

Aug. 2, 2011 (Falls Church, Va.) – The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) has announced the winners of its IAEM-Global 2011 Awards Competition. The awards will be presented at the 2011 IAEM-Global Annual Conference, EMEC Europa, Oct. 11-13, 2011, in Munich, Germany.

The IAEM-Global Partners in Preparedness Award recognizes programs or processes that demonstrate innovative, multi-participant involvement between local governments/governmental entities and private sector businesses, non-governmental organizations/non-profits, or individuals which have resulted in effective and efficient incident management, emergency management or homeland security processes. The 2011 winner is the Texas Emergency Tracking Network for its cooperative data-sharing project. Partners included: Texas Dept of State Health Services, Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council, Southeast Texas Regional Advisory Council, Sabine-Neches Chief's Association. University of Texas Center for Space Research; and Radiant RFID, LLC.

The IAEM-Global Business & Industry Preparedness Award is based on excellence in implementing a program that plans for multiple hazards, sets implementation priorities, is cost effective, links all levels of the organization, and coordinates with local emergency response and management agencies. The program must be repeatable by similar organizations in business and industry. The 2011 winner is the Baylor Emergency Response Team, Baylor Health Care System.

The IAEM-Global Public Awareness Awards recognize programs or processes that demonstrate innovative, multi-participant involvement between local governments/governmental entities and private sector businesses, non-governmental organizations/non-profits, or individuals which have resulted in effective and efficient incident management, emergency management or homeland security processes. The 2011 winners are:

- Division 1 (Local Emergency Management Agency)
 - First Place: Victoria (BC) Emergency Management Agency for its "Prepare Victoria" public awareness campaign.
 - Second Place: Arlington Co. (VA) Office of Emergency Management for its monthly preparedness campaign via the Washington DC subway system (METRO).
- Division 2 (State/Regional National Government, International, or Non-Profit Organization): Clinton
 County (Michigan) Emergency Management for its www.do1thing.us program.
 - First Place: Australian Red Cross for its "Communicating in Recovery" guide.
 - Second Place: Environmental Safety and Emergency Management Department, Baylor Health Care System for its Emergency Management Coffee Break Training.

The **IAEM-Global Technology & Innovation Awards** recognize the development of technology and innovation to improve emergency management operations, public education, or the emergency management/homeland security field. The 2010 winners are:

- Division 2 (State/Regional National Government, International, or Non-Profit Organization):
 - First Place: The Libya Crisis Map, In recognition of the partnership between the United Nations Office for Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA), NetHope, the Stand-By Volunteer Task Force, and UN Volunteers led by Andrej Verity from UN OCHA in creating the Libya Crisis Map in order to provide a common operational picture based on social media, traditional media, and reports from humanitarian organizations, so that the humanitarian community had a tool to understand a rapidly evolving situation and provide valuable assistance to the affected communities of refugees fleeing civil war in Libya to surrounding nations.
- Division 3, (Commercial or Other For-Profit Organizations):
 - o **First Place:** a.i. solutions for the development of its iMPrepared iPad application, available for free download from the AppStore.

Learn more about the IAEM-Global Awards Competition at www.iaem.com/Awards, where the 2011 Call for Entries will be posted in Spring 2011.

The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), which has more than 5,000 members in 58 countries, is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to promoting the goals of saving lives and protecting property during emergencies and disasters. 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. Visit www.iaem.com for details.