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MEMORANDUM FOR: Write Your Own Company Principal Coordinators and the National Flood Insurance Program Servicing Agent

FROM: NFIP Clearinghouse

SUBJECT: FEMA Press Release
FEMA Engages Stakeholders to Discuss National Flood Insurance Program

Attached is a press release regarding the National Flood Insurance Program. Please distribute this within your organization as appropriate.

Attachment

cc: Vendors, IBHS, FIPNC, Government Technical Representative

Suggested Routing: All Departments

Press Release

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Contact: FEMA News Desk

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FEMA ENGAGES STAKEHOLDERS TO DISCUSS NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

WASHINGTON— Today, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced a new avenue for the public to provide input regarding the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This announcement comes on the heels of a two-day listening session with FEMA Administrator Fugate and program stakeholders. Starting today, stakeholders and individuals can visit www.fema.gov/nfipcomments to provide input and identify challenges regarding the NFIP. The NFIP, created by Congress in 1968, is designed to ensure that communities across the country have access to affordable flood insurance as well as encourage community floodplain management to reduce future flood damage.

“We are always striving to improve our programs, and this week’s listening sessions were an important step in that process for the 40 year old National Flood Insurance Program,” said FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate. “NFIP is designed to support communities and provide crucial protection from potentially devastating flooding. The experience and input from the communities who take advantage of this program is invaluable, and we will continue to work with our partners and Congress to identify areas of improvement and how best to meet those challenges. I would encourage everyone to visit www.fema.gov/nfipcomments where they can provide their own insights and ideas on this important program.”

FEMA’s NFIP stakeholder sessions and public comment period will allow FEMA to gain input on the various issues and programs related to the NFIP, such as flood map modernization updates and other program topics. FEMA launched the 30 day comment period with a two day listening session that began on November 5, 2009.

FEMA encourages the public to submit comments, ideas and feedback by visiting <http://www.fema.gov/nfipcomments>.

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