



Briefing Notice

Advancing Resiliency: Competing for Innovative Investments

Friday, November 14, 2014

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

2322 Rayburn House Office Building

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The **Environmental and Energy Study Institute** (EESI) invites you to a briefing about programs and partnerships to develop innovative, effective approaches that maximize economic and social resiliency when investing public funds in local recovery and development.

Speakers for this forum are:

- **Harriet Tregoning**, Director, Office of Economic Resilience, U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)
- **Sam Carter**, Associate Director of Resilience, Rockefeller Foundation
- **Matthew Dalbey**, Director, Office of Sustainable Communities, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

On September 17, HUD's Office of Economic Resilience launched the National Disaster Resilience Competition, which will distribute \$1 billion of HUD Disaster Recovery funds to aid recovery from prior disasters and improve future resilience. Projects to help communities recover from a disaster and make them more resilient will be eligible for grants ranging from \$1 million to \$500 million. In collaboration with the Rockefeller Foundation (RF), all eligible communities will have the opportunity to strengthen their proposals by attending Resilience Academies across the country. The academies are supported by RF, a non-governmental organization long at the forefront of helping improve community resiliency efforts around the world. The Resilience Academies will help communities maximize future long-term returns on public investments during and after the competition. Participation in these programs is limited to jurisdictions that were Presidentially-Declared Disaster Areas in 2011, 2012 or 2013—staggeringly that actually includes 48 states and 19 other jurisdictions.

Moreover, on October 23, the EPA invited communities to apply for technical assistance through the Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities Program. This program will support the ability of communities to “increase resilience to natural disasters and strengthen the economy, while protecting human health and the environment.” Whether a community is investing to improve flood resilience or planning development in cities or rural areas, integrating resiliency requirements is critical to the ultimate success of the community's efforts.

This event is free and open to the public.

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