**Announcing a request for applications for promising practices to be highlighted on the FEMA/ADA National Network Webinar Series:** **Emergency Management and Preparedness-Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities**

The Office of Disability Integration and Coordination (ODIC) at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) National Network, led by the Pacific ADA Center, are seeking proposals for webinar presentations for issues and promising practices in emergency management inclusive of people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs that will begin in the Fall 2016. The webinars will provide an exciting opportunity for emergency managers, people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs, first responders, planners, community organizations, and other community partners to exchange knowledge and information on promising practices in inclusive emergency preparedness for the whole community. Topics have related to emergency preparedness and disaster response, recovery and mitigation as well as accessibility and reasonable accommodation issues under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the ADA and other relevant laws.

We now invite individuals and organizations across the country to describe inclusive emergency management practices. Reviewers from FEMA ODIC and the Pacific ADA Center (on behalf of the ADA National Network) will select practices that have promise for national dissemination. These promising practices will be presented in monthly webinars sponsored by the two organizations. We encourage proposals that highlight inclusive practices in emergency management, response and recovery, mitigation, as well as practices for integrating people with disabilities in emergency preparation issues.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal, please fill out following pages and **submit by July 29, 2016**.

Please submit your application (below) by fax at 540-504-2830 or by email to jacob.rodrigueznoble@fema.dhs.gov. Webinars will be selected by September 30, 2016. Together we can achieve preparedness inclusive of the whole community.

Sincerely,

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# **APPLICATION FOR PROMISING PRACTICE WEBINAR**

Please complete and submit this application for consideration as a webinar presenter being hosted by FEMA and the ADA National Network.

Applications may be submitted by email to jacob.rodrigueznoble@fema.dhs.gov. If you need alternate format or a specific accommodation to submit this proposal, please contact Jake Rodriguez-Noble.

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**To assist you in completing this application, we have provided you with a brief description of what your application should consist of along with the criteria FEMA/ADA National Network will use to select proposals:**

**FEMA/ ADA National Network** seeks to highlight inclusive emergency management practices approaches, methods, interventions, and technologies that show promise of replication, and that can demonstrate effective, positive outcomes. We also encourage applications that demonstrate strong, common sense ideas that have worked in one setting and that can demonstrate promise of working in other settings. Documenting and sharing information about innovative and promising local strategies is an important step in building the evidence base for effective inclusive, whole community emergency management.

The webinars aim to showcase the continuum of knowledge development in inclusive emergency management. The audience are first responders, professionals working in private, public and voluntary agencies who have base knowledge of emergency management and disability. **The focus of the webinars needs to be on the activities and actions that make the program successful and replicable**. We are encouraging promising practices that demonstrate for programs working with tribal, older adults and children.

**Proposals will be evaluated using the following criteria:**

1. Identification of learning objectives for the webinar. What do you want the audience to gain from the webinar?
2. How is the webinar related to preparedness, response and recovery or mitigation?
3. Applicants must demonstrate that their Promising Practice proposals have been **implemented in the field and have produced positive, real-world results** in the area of integrating individuals with disabilities and others with access and functional needs into emergency management.
4. The proposal must show the values of inclusion, integration, dignity, independence, accessibility, and self-determination for individuals with disabilities before, during, and after an emergency/disaster as well as accessibility and reasonable accommodation issues.
5. The proposal demonstrates that it can help strengthen the whole community’s capacity to prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate disasters.

# **PROMISING PRACTICE APPLICATION (Webinar Presenter)**

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***Please limit your statements for each of the following questions to 250 words***

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| **Title of Proposed Webinar**: |
| **Description of promising practice to be presented**: |
| **Learning objectives of proposed webinar**: |

**Please describe how the proposed promising practice demonstrates at least two (2) of the following key concepts:**

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| **Inclusion**- How does the proposed promising practice facilitate the inclusion of individuals with disabilities and others with access and functional needs in emergency management preparedness, response and recovery or mitigation?  |
| **Integration-** Are services provided to individuals with disabilities and others with access and functional needs in the same setting or environment as they are for individuals without disabilities or access and functional needs? |
| **Equal-Access / Universal Access-** How does the proposed promising practice promote equal or universal access to emergency preparedness, response, recovery or mitigation programs for all individuals, with and without disabilities or access and functional needs? |
| **Self-Determination-** Are individuals with disabilities and others with access and functional needs able to choose if and how they would like to receive information and services? |
| **Physical Access-** Are services and facilities physically and architecturally accessible? |
| **Effective Communication-** How does the proposed promising practice ensure effective communication in the format that will be the most effective for each individual who has an access or functional need? |
| **Reasonable modifications**- Does the proposed promising practice allow for modifications of policies and procedures? What is the process for an individual to request reasonable modifications? Identify whether your promising practice is for:* Recovery
* Response
* Mitigation
* Accessibility / Reasonable Accommodations
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| Please add any additional information that is useful in considering your application:  |

**Thank you for your submission. We will notify you by email if you are selected.**