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Dear Colleague,

I am inviting you to a meeting to take place on **Tuesday, April 24th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to be located at the Radisson Hotel in Warwick.** This meeting is being sponsored jointly by the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency (RIEMA) and the newly incorporated Rhode Island Flood Mitigation Association (RIFMA). As you may recall at a statewide meeting held last October, we introduced the concept of establishing a statewide flood mitigation association to address the various flood issues negatively impacting our state. As a result of your enthusiastic response, RIFMA has been formed, a Board of Directors appointed (complete with the appropriate bylaws and Association Constitution), committees formed, a website and newsletter both to be imminently launched. We are presently filing for national State Chapter Status with the national Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM, Inc.). Progress!!!

The purpose of this meeting is to bring in renowned speakers, and through both a plenary session and breakout workshops, address a variety of flood issues in Rhode Island. These topics will include flood warning and preparedness; community liability and property insurance issues; the effect of flood Insurance Rate Map Changes on Insurance Premiums; issues associated with property insurance in special hazard areas; permitting in special flood hazard areas located in coastal zones; the impact of global warming on sea level rise and coastal erosion; buildings that withstood the forces of Hurricane Katrina; and higher regulatory standards for the RI Building Code. A conference flyer is enclosed.

Another exciting development is that RIFMA will be offering the Certified Floodplain Manager exam on Wednesday, April 25th from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. A free exam refresher full day class will be offered on Monday, April 23rd to the first 30 people that sign up. Information on the exam and the refresher class is also enclosed.

Over the past four months a very dedicated group of individuals has been working extremely hard to not only establish RIFMA but to also create a forum in which you can address the myriad of challenges facing floodplain management today. These folks have diverse backgrounds but all share the common desire to develop a solution based initiative that will address Rhode Island's critical flood issues that will result in better floodplain management. Please join us at the First Annual Rhode Island Flood Mitigation Association Meeting in April and take the opportunity to get involved in your State Flood Association!

Regards,

Pam

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Rhode Island Flood Mitigation Association

Register Today!

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING **Rhode Island Flood Mitigation Association** **April 24, 2007 ☞ Warwick, Rhode Island**

The 2007 Annual RIFMA Meeting will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Warwick, Rhode Island on April 24th, 2007. The total conference fee is just \$70 for RIFMA members and includes all of the sessions, breakouts, exhibits, meals, and happy hour. This meeting also qualifies for 6 continuing education credits for Certified Floodplain Managers.

Meeting Topics

- ◆ Flood Warning and Preparedness: Live Stream Gage Networks in RI
- ◆ Identifying Flood Risk, Community Liability and Property Insurance Issues
- ◆ Effect of Flood Insurance Rate Map Changes on Insurance Premiums
- ◆ Flood Damage and Community Liability
- ◆ Facing the Flood Risk: Property Insurance in the Ocean State
- ◆ Global Warming and the Impact on Sea Level Rise
- ◆ Coastal Erosion on Rhode Island
- ◆ Permitting and Setbacks in RI's Coastal Zone Areas
- ◆ 2008 Hurricane Season: National Weather Forecast
- ◆ Buildings That Withstood the Forces of Hurricanes
- ◆ Higher Regulatory Standards for the RI Building Code
- ◆ CFM Exam Offered Wednesday, April 25th, 2007

Registration Deadline is April 17, 2007
RIFMA members \$70/non-members \$100

REGISTRATION FORM

**First Annual Meeting of the
Rhode Island Flood Mitigation Association**

April 24th, 2007 ⌘ 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Radisson Hotel, Warwick, Rhode Island

Registration Deadline is April 17th, 2007

Please use a separate form for each registrant.

Badge/Attendance List Information

Please type or print information clearly, as you would like it to appear on your badge and the attendance list.

First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____

Company/Agency _____

E-mail _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Registration Fees:

- Non-Member**\$100 (this fee will automatically include your RIFMA 2007 membership)
- Member**.....\$70
- Vendor Participant**.....\$250 (includes one RIFMA membership and conference registration, please complete Vendor Participation Form)
- Cannot attend the meeting: RIFMA membership only**\$30

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: **RIFMA * P.O. Box 1240 * Providence, RI 02901**

Please tell us which afternoon session to you'd like to attend:

- Session #1** Mapping Flood Risk: Rhode Island's Map Modernization Program
- Session #2** Coastal Flood Issues in Rhode Island
- Session #3** Building to Higher Regulatory Standards and Insuring the Flood Risk

Are you interested in becoming a Certified Floodplain Manager?

- CFM Exam Refresher Course: Free to the first 30 students!**
Monday April 23rd at RIEMA from 8:30am to 4:30pm
E-mail Corinne Rosenblum at crosenblum@dewberry.com to reserve your space.
- CFM Exam**
Wednesday April 25th at RIEMA from 8:30am to 11:30am
Contact ASFPM at www.Floods.org for exam registration details.

Questions? Call Corinne Rosenblum at (617) 695-3400 or email crosenblum@Dewberry.com

VENDOR PARTICIPATION FORM

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The Rhode Island Flood Mitigation Association is offering vendors the opportunity to display an exhibit all day and participate in an exhibit social immediately following the Annual Meeting. Drinks and appetizers will be served from 4pm to 8pm in the exhibition area. The Vendor Participation Fee includes one conference admission and one year of RIFMA membership for the conference attendee.

Conference Attendee (please complete registration form)

First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____

Vendor Contact Information (if different than Conference Attendee)

Please type or print information clearly, for the person to be contacted regarding booth logistics.

First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____

Company/Agency _____

E-mail _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

We will be providing tables for displays. Please let us know if you will have any special needs.

Registration Fees:

Vendor Fees\$250 (this fee will automatically include one conference admission and RIFMA 2007 membership)

****A separate registration form must be completed for the person attending the conference.***

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P.O. Box 1240
Providence, RI 02901**

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RIFMA can help you become a Certified Floodplain Manager!

Certified Floodplain Managers Accreditation (CFM)

The goal of the Association of State Floodplain Managers CFM® Program is to promote the wise use of the nation's floodplains, help reduce the nation's flood losses, and protect and enhance the natural resources and functions of floodplains. This is accomplished by improving knowledge and abilities of floodplain managers in the United States, and increasing the prominence of sound floodplain management in decision-making by local officials and the public. The CFM® Program recognizes and promotes floodplain knowledge and expertise while building the public's confidence. The CFM® Program enhances credibility and visibility of the floodplain management profession in the nation.

The ASFPM CFM® Program offers Floodplain Manager certification to persons who demonstrate knowledge of the basic national approaches and programs of floodplain management. The CFM® designation is attained by any person who passes the national CFM® exam or their state's Floodplain Management certification exam.

Currently over 3,000 individuals around the nation have earned and maintained their CFM® certification. In a recent survey, 3 out of 4 certified individuals indicated they have received tangible, direct benefit from the certification.

Applications

The ASFPM CFM® Program is directed toward individuals from local government, private sector, state or federal officials, academia, special interest groups, and private citizens. Anyone interested in professional certification must submit the completed application and pass the exam. Visit www.floods.org to complete all of the necessary application forms and to register to take the exam with ASFPM. You cannot take the exam until you have registered and paid exam fees with ASFPM two weeks prior to the exam date. The CFM exam will be offered on Wednesday, April 25th, 2007 at the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency in conjunction with the Rhode Island Flood Mitigation Association Meeting the previous day. The exam will start at 8:30am and end at 11:30am.

Program fees are as follows:

- ✂ Exam Fee is \$100 for ASFPM Individual Members.
- ✂ Exam Fee is \$320 for non-ASFPM members
- ✂ Biennial Renewal Fee is \$50 for ASFPM Individual Members and \$270 for Nonmembers.

**SAVE MONEY!! Join ASFPM and pay the much lower member rate for the exam!
REMEMBER: YOU MUST ALSO REGISTER FOR THE EXAM SEPARATELY
WITH ASFPM PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE. FOR INFORMATION,
PLEASE CALL ANITA LARSON OF ASFPM AT 608-274-0123.**

RIFMA can help you become a Certified Floodplain Manager!

Exam Refresher Course

A CFM exam refresher course will be offered free of charge to the first 30 students by the Rhode Island Flood Mitigation Association this year and will be held on Monday, April 23rd from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please check the appropriate box on the registration form if you plan to attend the all-day review session.

Maintaining Certification

An initial ASFPM Certified Floodplain Manager designation will be valid indefinitely, provided that the applicant complies with the biennial (every two years) renewal requirements. Renewal requirements are: Submittal of proof of 16 continuing education credits within the previous 24 months, with a maximum of 12 credits earned in any one year; and Submittal of renewal application & fee. The continuing education requirement can be met through any approved event dealing with either floodplain or stormwater issues or closely related fields. CECs can also be obtained through certain web based training courses. For any questions regarding continuing education requirements, please contact ASFPM at 608-274-0123.

CFM® Benefits to Individuals

CFMs have confidence in their level of knowledge of floodplain management.

- ✘ Earning the CFM® designation tells others that your professional capabilities have been recognized by a national program
- ✘ Certification is a strong motivation to continue education and it can help you meet qualifications in the job market.