

## ESF#11 Overview - Capabilities, Roles, and Responsibilities



Jesus "JB" Cuartas, ESF #11 Regional Coordinator for Region 2 (NY/NJ/Puerto Rico/USVI)

Discussion of ESF#11 Coordination – associated agencies, capabilities, and responsibilities during steady-state and disaster (both Stafford and Non-Stafford).

Sponsoring Organization: USDA

1 hr.: Fri. 4/19, 1:00pm – 2:00pm

**Speaker Bio:** Mr. Jesus "JB" Cuartas serves as the Regional Emergency Coordinator for Emergency Support Function (ESF) #11- Agriculture and Natural Resources for FEMA Region II with the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). ESF #11 works during actual and potential incidents to provide nutrition assistance; respond to animal and agricultural health issues; provide technical expertise, coordination, and support of animal

and agricultural emergency management; ensure the safety and defense of the Nation's supply of meat, poultry, and processed egg products; and ensure the protection of natural and cultural resources and historic properties. Prior to joining USDA, Mr. Cuartas led transformational and client-focused teams as a Manager of State and Local Response and Recovery Programs with Innovative Emergency Management (IEM), Inc. where he oversaw major growth in public assistance and energy sector client operations including client response and recovery operations. He also served as the Director for the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' Reliability and Security Division and Department Head for ConEdison's Emergency Preparedness Exercises, Training, and Interagency Coordination Department. Mr. Cuartas also has broad experience in other Federal emergency management roles including Chief of Operational Planning for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Region II, Chief of Operational Planning for FEMA Region III, Regional Continuity Manager for FEMA Region III, senior continuity policy analyst for the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Operations Coordination, and Emergency Preparedness Program Manager for the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency. Mr. Cuartas served nine years in the US Army as a combat engineer, including two deployments to Iraq. and assignment to the 911th Technical Rescue Engineer Company, Military District of Washington. Mr. Cuartas is a Doctoral Candidate at Drexel University's LeBow College of Business in Business Administration, holds an Executive Master's in Emergency and Disaster Management from Georgetown University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Emergency and Disaster Management. He is a Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) and holds additional certifications in the fields of emergency management, continuity, technical rescue, and fire services.

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