

Hello, I'm Dena Mahan, and I'm honored to be considered for the role of Texas Representative to IAEM Region 6. I currently serve as the Emergency Management Specialist for the City of Webster and bring over two decades of experience spanning the local, state, federal, and nonprofit levels. Throughout my career, I've seen firsthand how these systems work together—and sometimes how they don't.

Over the years, I've helped the communities I've served navigate the complexities of federal recovery and mitigation programs, developed all types of emergency plans, and coordinated more exercises than I can count. If it involves a plan, a grant, or a three-ring binder, chances are I've written it, funded it, or organized it.

I've held the Certified Emergency Manager designation for more than a decade. During my time as an IAEM member, I've served on the National Conference Planning Committee and am actively involved in planning the 2026 IAEM Region 6 Conference. As a long-time member of IAEM, I believe this organization has incredible potential—and by working together, we can turn that potential into meaningful progress.

I currently serve on the Texas Emergency Management Advisory Committee, where I help provide recommendations to the Chief of the Texas Division of Emergency Management. I'm also a member of the Texas Incident Management Team and the Incident Support Task Force, recently deploying to assist volunteer fire departments with recovery grants following the 2025 Panhandle wildfires. These roles allow me to share information between the state and IAEM Region, helping align priorities and strengthen collaboration.

As FEMA enters a new era of change, I see this role as a critical link between our state and the national conversation. I will represent Texas emergency managers by bringing our voices, concerns, and solutions to IAEM's national leadership—the team that works to influence meaningful change. I'm ready to listen, collaborate, and lead on behalf of Region 6.

Thank you for your time, your consideration, and—most importantly—for all you do to keep our communities safe and resilient.

Dena