

# IAEM 8

REGIONAL NEWS

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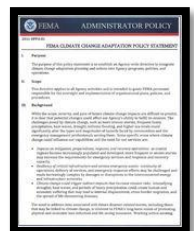
### IAEM presents EMvision Talks

Just opened - The IAEM Call for Speakers for the EMvision Talks! This new Conference Committee initiative is modeled on the well-known TED™ Talk format. The Talks are a new way to communicate thought leadership in emergency management. These Talks are 5-minute presentations. Speakers are encouraged to submit their Talk topic about an idea or their passion in emergency management and relate their Talk topic to the conference theme – Expanding the Spectrum of Emergency Management.

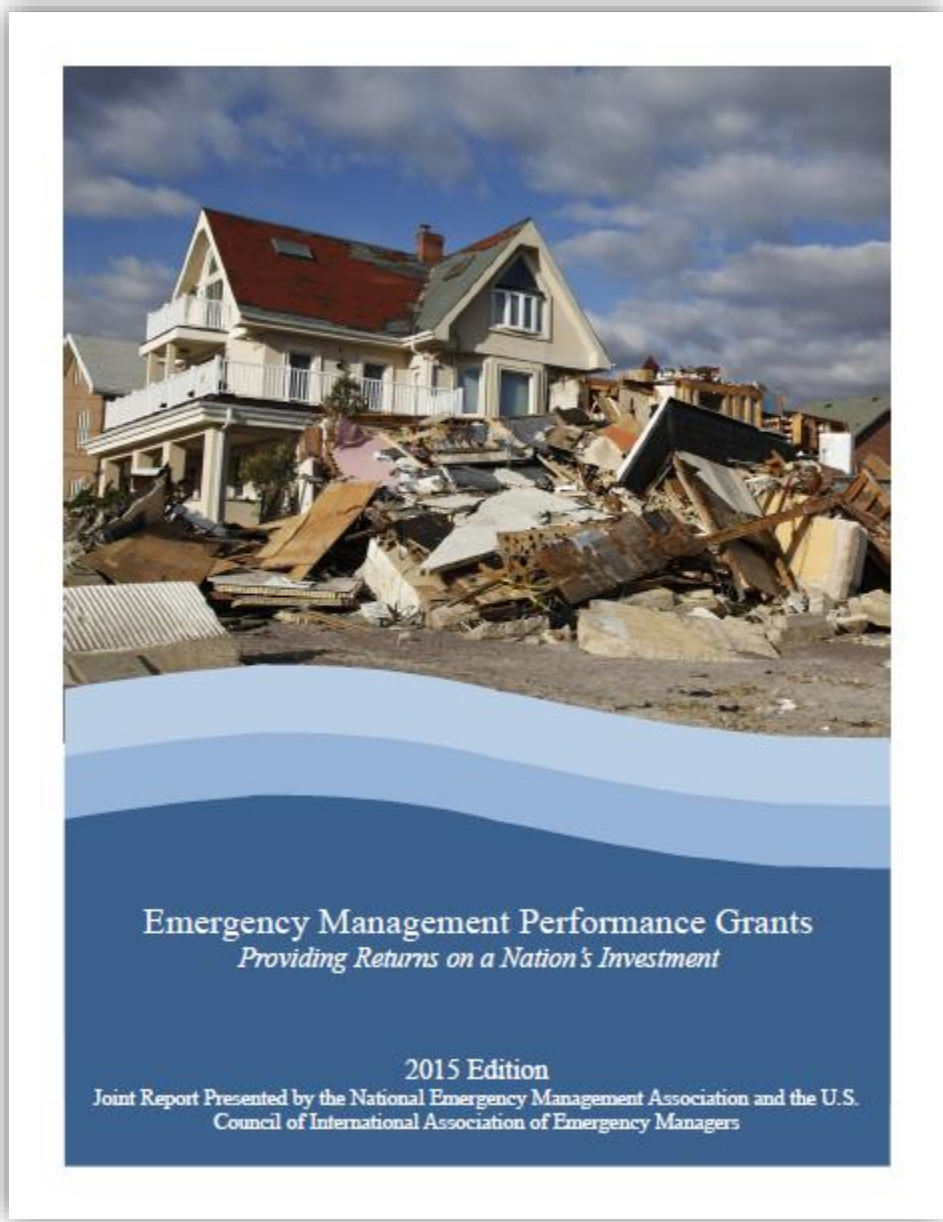
The top 5-7 speakers will present their Talk on the plenary stage on November 17, 2015 at the IAEM 63rd Annual Conference in Clark County, Nevada. The top selected speaker, as voted by the audience, will receive a complimentary registration to the IAEM 64th Annual Conference & EMEX in Savannah, Georgia. <http://www.iaem.com/page.cfm?p=events/annual-conference>

### **NEW** FEMA CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY

- The purpose of this policy statement is to establish an Agency-wide directive to integrate climate change adaptation planning and actions into Agency programs, policies, and operations. This directive applies to all Agency activities and is intended to guide FEMA personnel responsible for the oversight and implementation of organizational plans, policies, and procedures. There's already a bit of a buzz around this new directive – check it out!



[http://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/20130726-1919-25045-3330/508\\_climate\\_change\\_policy\\_statement](http://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/20130726-1919-25045-3330/508_climate_change_policy_statement)



## **IAEM-USA and NEMA Release Joint Report: EMPG Grants Providing Returns on a Nation's Investment. April 3, 2015**

IAEM-USA and NEMA have released a joint report, "Emergency Management Performance Grants Providing Returns on a Nation's Investment, 2015 Edition." NEMA surveyed the state directors and IAEM-USA surveyed the local government emergency managers, and a joint report was prepared. IAEM-USA very much appreciates the 1,159 local government emergency managers who completed the survey, but notes that much more is being accomplished with EMPG funds than is noted in the report, since this number represents less than a third of the local jurisdictions estimated to be eligible for EMPG funding. We particularly appreciated the success stories and wish we could have printed them all.

The full report is attached to this newsletter. We hope this short report will be useful when you communicate with your Members of Congress.



## IAEM Think Tank Initiated In (Region 8!) DENVER

In February, the IAEM was proud to launch their first IAEM Think Tank. These are web-based conference calls based on the FEMA Think Tank calls which Rich Serino facilitated when he was the Deputy Administrator,

IAEM's Think Tank goal is to launch a venue to engage our partners, promote innovation, and facilitate discussions in the field of emergency management.

The topic of the first IAEM Think Tank call was focused on the floods that occurred in Colorado in 2013 and how the communities mitigated, prepared, responded, and recovered from these events. Fort Collins Office of Emergency Management was the host of this first event. Representatives from Boulder OEM, Fort Collins OEM, El Paso County OEM, Jamestown, and the State of Colorado were guest presenters.

Feedback from participants and organizers alike was very positive; this was indeed a success.

The next IAEM Think Tank is scheduled for this month; Dallas will be the host.

## IAEM 2015 Awards Competition

### Call for Entries in the 2015 IAEM Awards Competition

The purpose of the IAEM Awards Competition is to recognize and honor persons who have made special or significant contributions to the field of emergency management and have represented the profession well by their outstanding performance. **The call for entries for the 2015 awards competition was announced on Apr. 1, 2015.**

- [Download the 2015 Call for Entries.](#)
- [Download Judges' Article for Entry Tips and Advice](#) (article from April 2014 IAEM Bulletin).
- [Look at the winning entries from the 2014 IAEM Awards Competition.](#)

### 2015 Awards Schedule

- All award entries must be emailed to Karen Thompson, [Thompson@iaem.com](mailto:Thompson@iaem.com), **no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern time, Friday, May 29, 2015.** There will be **no** deadline extensions.
  - There is one exception only: The IAEM-USA Student Academic Research Presentation Award entries are not due until Aug. 1, 2015.
  - Entrants will be notified of winners during the first week in July 2015.
  - Awards will be announced at the IAEM Annual Conference, Nov. 13-18, 2015, Clark County, Nevada
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