ESF #5 – INFORMATION AND PLANNING

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The goal of all regional coordination activities is to ensure the jurisdictions in the Region have the ability to:

- Exchange and/or Clarify Information
- Develop and Disseminate Common Messages
- Share Available Resources and Assist Impacted Jurisdictions
- Develop a Regional Common Operating Picture
- Participate in the Coordination of Multi-Jurisdictional Actions
- Participate in the Facilitation and Discussion Pertaining to the Prioritization of Resources within the Region
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During a Regional response, information can be distributed and/or shared in the following ways:

• Conference Calls
• E-Mail
• WebEOC
• Regional Situation Report
• HSIN Webinars
• Fax
• Physical Meetings
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Roles and Responsibilities of Coordinating and Cooperating Agencies in ESF5:

• **Coordinating Agencies** - local EMAs may serve as the Coordinating Agency and are tasked with ensuring regional coordination actions are accomplished.

• **Cooperating Agencies** - (all government, volunteer and private sector agencies with emergency responsibilities) - will provide resources, personnel and special expertise to support ESF5 activities.
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All Coordinating & Cooperating Agencies should accomplish the following additional tasks in support of ESF5 activities:

- Provide ongoing status reports as requested by local EOCs and EMAs.
- Include regional coordination activities in their standard operating procedures, guidelines and/or checklists.
- When requested, deploy representatives to local EOCs to serve as Regional Coordination Support Specialists.
- Maintain up-to-date rosters for notifying personnel and 24-hour staffing capabilities.
- Ensure appropriate personnel are trained in NIMS and the use of WebEOC.
- Perform other emergency actions as requested by local EOCs and EMAs.
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Regional Coordination Support Specialists:

- Staff to augment EOC operations.
- Can support RICG (if activated)
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The Regional Resource Annex provides a list of resources for each ESF, as well as information on how to access/request them.

For ESF5, it contains information on the following:

• Regional Mass Care Trailers
• Functional Needs Support Services (FNSS) Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Trailers
• Emergency Mass Care Shelters
• Regional Exercise Resources