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It's a Disaster!

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Declaration Process



- Local government responds
- Local government requests State assistance
- State responds
- State requests Federal assistance



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Declaration Process



- Assess damage (thru PDAs)
- FEMA evaluates request
- President approves or denies request



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Disaster Aid – Stafford Act

Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
and Emergency Assistance Act,
as amended, and Related
Authorities



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- Section 408 – Individual Assistance (IA)
- Section 406 – Public Assistance (PA)
- Section 404 – Hazard Mitigation (HM)



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Individual Assistance (IA) Section 408



Register with FEMA
(1-800-621-FEMA)

- Temporary Housing
 - Not emergency shelter
 - Independent of means test
- Home Repair
- Other Needs Assistance



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Public Assistance (PA) Section 406

- Emergency Work
- Permanent Work
 - Repairs to pre-disaster condition
- 406 Mitigation
 - Improves to better than pre-disaster condition



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Hazard Mitigation (HM)

Section 404



Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

- Reduce risk of future damages
- Cost share



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Incident Command System (ICS)

FEMA operates in disasters within the National Incident Management System (NIMS), an ICS structure



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Joint Field Office (JFO)



Temporary multi-agency coordination center for Federal support to State, local, and Tribal recovery efforts



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Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs)



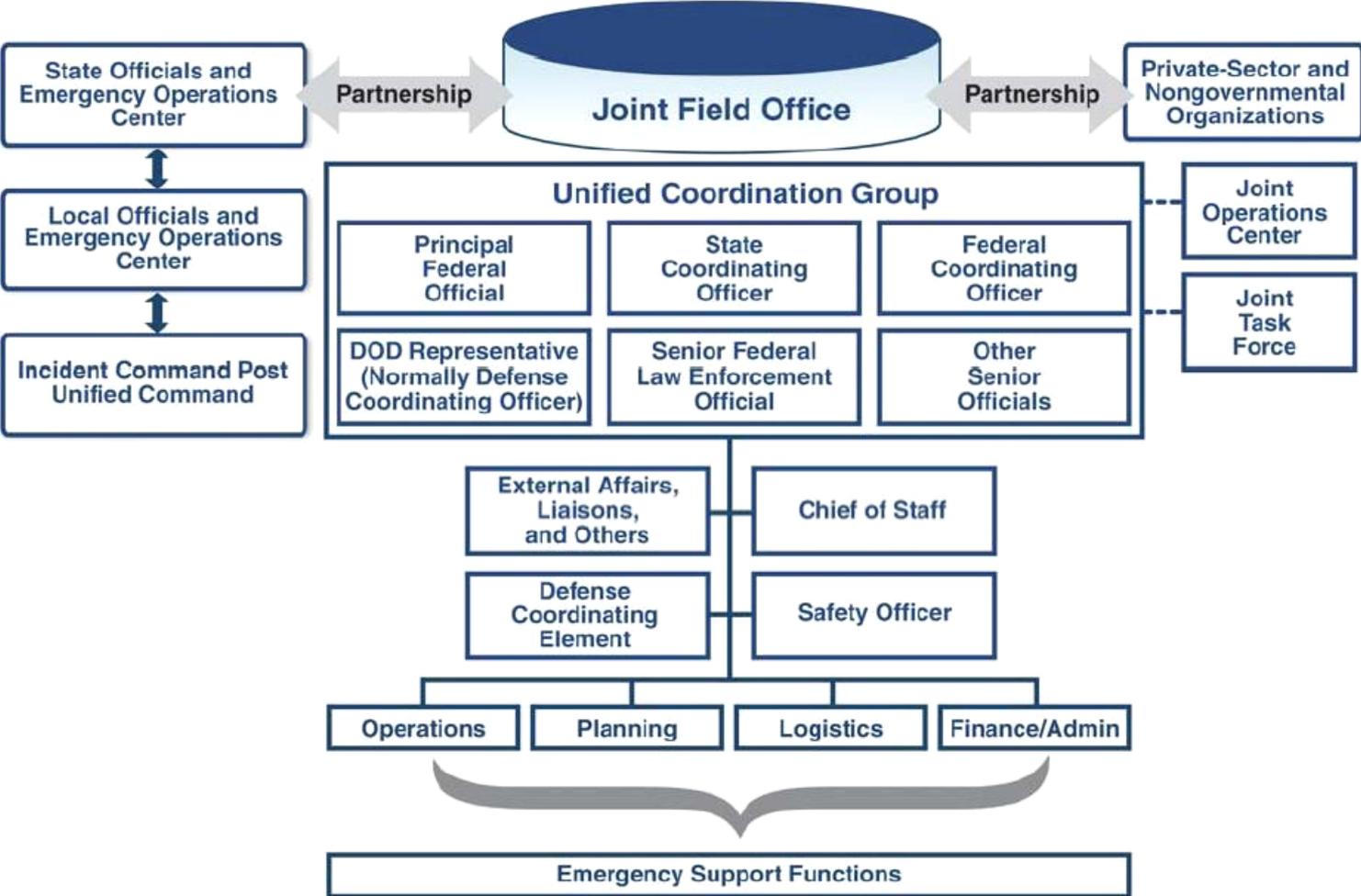
Centralized field location for information on recovery and mitigation assistance programs



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JFO Organization



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Federal and State Officers



*The FCO and SCO make up the **Unified Coordination Group** which provides leadership in the JFO.*

Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO)

- Appointed by President to execute Stafford Act authorities
- Represents FEMA Administrator in field to discharge all FEMA responsibilities for response and recovery efforts

State Coordinating Officer (SCO)

- Appointed by Governor to coordinate State disaster assistance efforts with those of Federal Government



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Emergency Support Functions (ESFs)



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Emergency Support Functions (ESFs)

- Used by the Federal Government and many State governments as the primary mechanism at the operational level to organize and provide assistance.
- ESFs align categories of resources and provide strategic objectives for their use.
- ESFs utilize standardized resource management concepts such as typing, inventorying, and tracking to facilitate the dispatch, deployment, and recovery of resources before, during, and after an incident.



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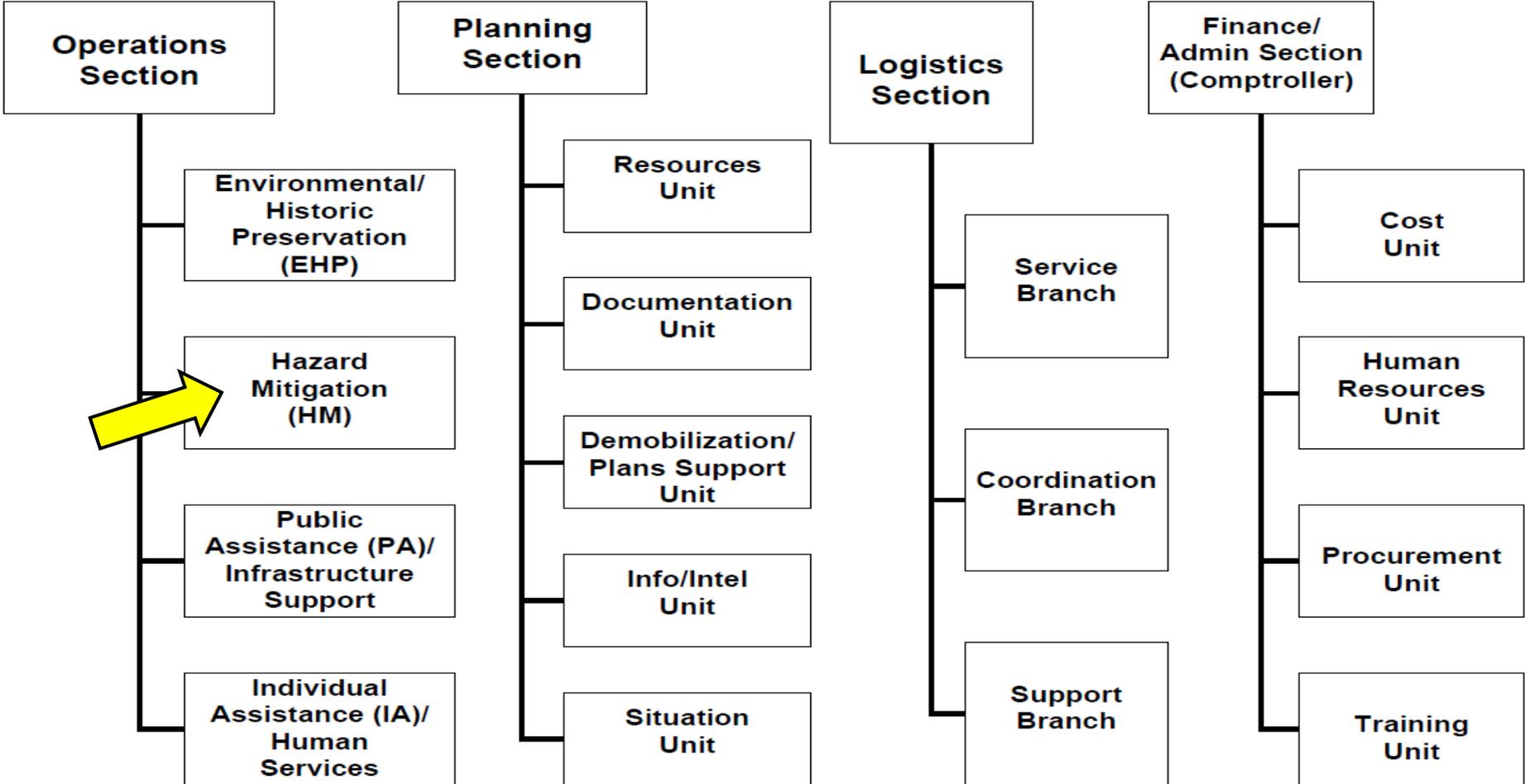
- ESF1 Transportation
- ESF2 Communications
- **ESF3*** **Public Works and Engineering**
- **ESF4** **Firefighting**
- ESF5 Emergency Management
- **ESF6** **Mass Care, Emergency Assistance & Human Services**
- ESF7 Logistics Management and Resource Support
- ESF8 Public Health and Medical Services
- **ESF9** **Urban Search and Rescue**
- **ESF10** **Oil and Hazardous Materials Response**
- **ESF11** **Agriculture and Natural Resources**
- ESF12 Energy
- **ESF13** **Public Safety and Security**
- ESF14 Long-Term Community Recovery
- ESF15 External Affairs



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JFO Sections



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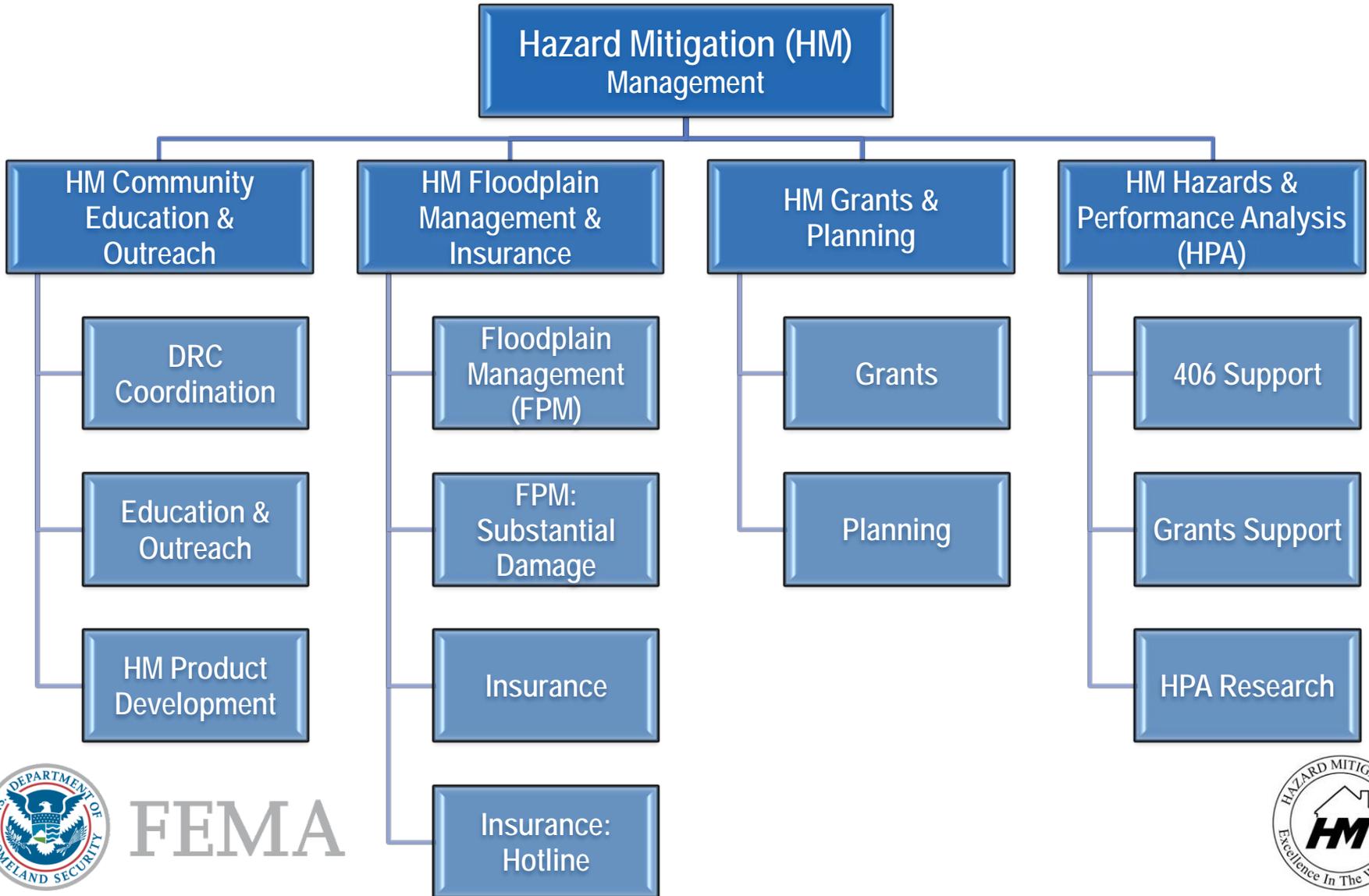
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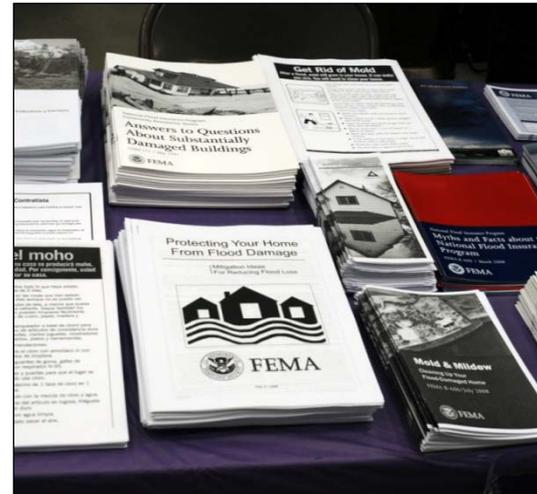
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Community Education and Outreach

Promotes effective hazard mitigation by providing:

- Mitigation and flood insurance advice to individuals in DRCs and other outreach events
- Assistance through large-scale community outreach events and education
- Mitigation Best Practices
- Information in publications



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Floodplain Management and Insurance

- Serves as JFO point of coordination and resource on all hazards insurance
- Promotes community participation in NFIP
- Ensures compliance with the NFIP regulations
- Provides floodplain management expertise to State, Tribal, local, and JFO partners

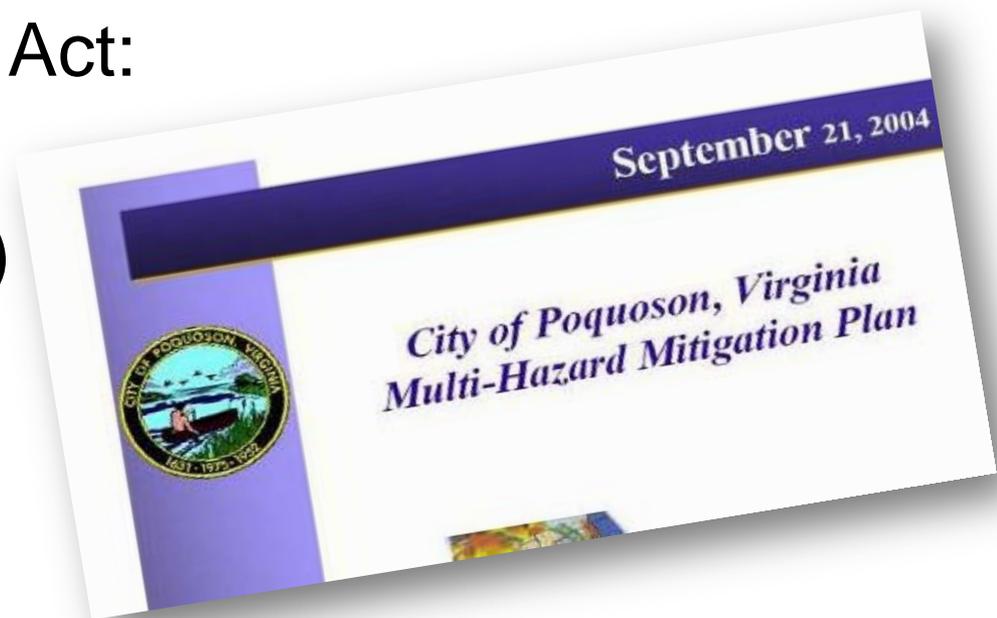


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Hazard Mitigation Grants and Planning

- Assists States, Tribes, and communities
- Authorized by Stafford Act:
 - Section 322
(Mitigation Planning)
 - Section 404
(Hazard Mitigation)



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Hazards and Performance Analysis

- Provides to Hazard Mitigation and JFO partners:
 - Hazard risk analysis
 - Engineering design and review
 - Research support
- Develops studies and recommendations to educate building professionals in disaster-resistant construction



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