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WASHINGTON - The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in coordination with the interagency Long Term Disaster Recovery Working Group, today issued a draft of the *National Disaster Recovery Framework* —focused onengaging state, local and tribal governments, nonprofit partners, the private sector, and the public to enhance the nation’s ability to recovery from disasters.

The report is now available for review by visiting DisasterRecoveryWorkingGroup.gov. The comment period will begin next week when the report is also posted to the Federal Register, and the comment period will run from that time through Feb. 26, 2010. This comment period continues the extensive stakeholder outreach efforts undertaken by the interagency Long Term Disaster Recovery Working Group, established in October 2009 by President Obama and co-chaired by Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano and Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Shaun Donovan.

The *National Disaster Recovery Framework* provides a model to collectively identify and address challenges that arise during the disaster recovery process—designed to help the broad emergency management community work better together to support individuals, households and communities as they rebuild and restore their ways of life following a disaster.

Prior to today's release, the *Recovery Framework* was developed based on input from all levels of government, the private sector, academic and emergency management communities, voluntary and non-profit organizations, and a wide array of associations and organizations—collected through meetings and briefings across the country; online engagement; and a series of video teleconferences and stakeholder forums in five key cities.

The *Recovery Framework* document will be available next week at www.regulations.gov in Docket FEMA-2010-0004. Individuals and other stakeholders who wish to submit comments can do so at www.regulations.gov using the Docket identification number as a search term.

The Long Term Disaster Recovery Working Group—comprised of more than 20 federal departments, agencies and offices—will provide President Obama with recommendations on ways to improve the capabilities of individuals, communities and the nation’s economy to withstand and rapidly recover from disasters.

For more information about the *Recovery Framework*, visit <http://www.fema.gov/recoveryframework>. Information about the Long Term Disaster Recovery Working Group is available at <http://disasterrecoveryworkinggroup.gov>.

FEMA’s mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

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