

FEMA Region I is sponsoring a *Continuity of Operations (COOP) Long-term Power Grid Failure Workshop* on March 29, 2018 for Boston-area partner organizations. The purpose of the event is to promote preparedness and resiliency among public and private entities when faced with a long-term power outage.

The National Preparedness Goal describes what it means for the United States to be prepared for all types of disasters and emergencies, and this includes threats aimed at our infrastructure. In May 2017, the president signed an executive order designed to protect critical infrastructure, including the Nation's power grid.

An organization's ability to continue its essential functions under challenging conditions is based on key elements of leadership, staff, communications, and facilities. When faced with a prolonged power outage, one that may last several weeks, will public and private continuity plans allow organizations to continue to perform these essential functions? This workshop will present participants with the opportunity to examine plans and procedures to collectively identify solutions and discover the Region's ability to sustain operations in the wake of an attack on the power grid.

COOP WORKSHOP SERIES OVERVIEW

- **Who:** Whole Community – public and private sector organizations in the northeast
- **What:** Continuity of Operations Long-term Power Grid Failure Workshop
- **Purpose:** This workshop will focus on the abilities of local, state, and federal agencies, as well as private sector entities, to define and consider their Mission Essential Functions during a COOP plan activation caused by a prolonged power outage.
- **When:** March 29, 2018
9:30 am —3:00 pm EST
- **Where:** The John W. McCormack Post Office and Courthouse
5 Post Office Square
Leighton Hall (First Floor)
Boston, MA 02109
- **Objectives:**
 - Review, update and revise current continuity plans specific to the effects of a long-term power outage.
 - Facilitate active learning opportunities and peer-to-peer exchanges, highlighting beneficial redundancies and identifying potential gaps in long-term continuity plans.
 - Determine how information will be shared and gathered based on current plans.
 - Contribute to the development of a "best practices" report to support all partner agencies in the advancement of long-term continuity planning.

Registration—please register at:

<https://ess.ascenttra.com/Registration/COOP Power Grid Failure Workshop 2/>



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