

Cooperating Technical Partner (CTP) Program



The Cooperating Technical Partners (CTP) Program was developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for communities and regional and State agencies that have the interest, capabilities, and resources to be active partners in FEMA's flood hazard mapping program. By becoming a CTP, a community formalizes contribution and commitment to help ensure better overall floodplain management and multihazard risk identification through reliable, up-to-date flood maps.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CTP PROGRAM

The overall objective of the CTP Program is to update the Nation's flood maps through the following tasks:

- Give recognition to states, regions, and communities that are actively working to identify and map their flood risk and are incorporating this information into official FEMA flood hazard data
- Maximize limited funding by combining resources and aligning local, State, and regional goals with FEMA's national objectives
- Maintain national standards consistent with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations

BENEFITS OF BEING A CTP

- Opportunity to develop more detailed maps by making local geospatial data a part of FEMA flood maps
- CTPs receive support including streamlined FEMA customer service, access to existing FEMA data, CTP referral program, national recognition, technical assistance, and access to custom-made FEMA tools
- Mentoring support, shared "best practices," online resources, and free training for more efficient and effective floodplain management
- CTPs may be eligible to participate in the FEMA Community Rating System (CRS) and receive CRS credits for flood hazard reduction activities, which could lead to discounted flood insurance premiums for property owners in that community
- Eligibility for FEMA assistance, free press releases, and conference discounts

WHAT FUNDING IS AVAILABLE FOR A CTP?

One of the main objectives and benefits of the CTP Program is leveraging available funding and local data to get more updated flood hazard maps out of limited resources. National mapping needs and partnering opportunities determine FEMA funding priorities. Federal funding is managed by the

For more information on the CTP

Program visit:

www.fema.gov/fhm/ctp_main.shtml



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FEMA Regional Offices and provided through a cooperative agreement.

THE FUTURE OF CTP

Changes to Existing Federal Programs.

FEMA and the National Service Provider (NSP) are working to implement enhancements to the CRS to foster and expand partnership in the CTP Program.

Changes to Technology and Tools.

Working with FEMA, the NSP is building a state-of-the-art geospatial infrastructure called the Multihazard Information Platform (MIP) that will enable multihazard mapping. The MIP will provide the repository for the national flood Geographic Information System (GIS) layer. It will store not only the final Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) data, but also intermediate data. Intermediate data will be collected as they are created, so they will be available to other projects as soon as they are in the MIP (or pointed to by the MIP). Additionally, a CTP will be able to search the MIP for pertinent data, potentially avoiding costs and saving time. The MIP will not require any particular tool to create data, as long as the data is submitted in accordance with established standards (which will be published on the MIP). The MIP will provide a standard set of tools that cover the entire mapping process, from needs assessment through final DFIRM production.

Training. The MIP will provide an e-Learning system for tools, methods, and procedures. MIP CTP training is currently being re-engineered to make it available on a regional basis, to interject a regional focus, and better tailor the course to the varying degrees of capability and experience of the CTPs. Specific technical training will continue to be available (e.g., modeling, guidance, Letter of Map Change processing, and DFIRM processing).

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Is the CTP Program right for you? Take the CTP self-assessment to determine whether the CTP Program is a good fit for you and the organization you represent. You can access the tool at www.fema.gov/fhm/ot_ctpr.shtm. For more information on the CTP Program visit www.fema.gov/fhm/ctp_main.shtm. For further information, contact the CTP Coordinator in your FEMA Regional Office or call the FEMA Map Assistance Center at 1-877-FEMA-MAP (336-2627). Visit the MIP at hazards.fema.gov.

