



MEMORANDUM



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TO: Oregon Disaster Housing Task Force
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Oregon local governments
Other interested parties

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SUBJECT: Adoption of *Oregon Disaster Housing Strategy*

By means of our signatures above, we hereby adopt the *Oregon Disaster Housing Strategy* dated April 2012 as a key supporting document to Emergency Support Function (ESF) 6 of the *State Emergency Operations Plan*. ESF 6 addresses mass care, emergency assistance, housing, and human services.

Identifying and implementing housing solutions in a time of disaster is a top priority of the State of Oregon. In order to provide a mechanism for meeting this priority, OHCS and OEM established the Oregon Disaster Housing Task Force, which operates under the direction of Oregon Housing and Community Services, specifically as a subcommittee to the State ESF 6 Planning Team.

The work of the Task Force is in alignment with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's *Disaster Temporary Housing Operational Guide*, which recommends that each state develop a standing state-led disaster housing task force and develop a state disaster housing strategy. As outlined in the *National Disaster Housing Strategy*, the Task Force is to bring together local, state, federal, non-governmental and other expertise to evaluate housing requirements, consider potential solutions, and propose recommendations.

The Oregon Disaster Housing Task Force consists of representatives from volunteer and service organizations, as well as local, state, and federal agencies. Task Force members bring expertise from a variety of areas including disaster recovery, shelter operation, affordable housing finance, housing related services, utilization and management of volunteers, and emergency management. The Task Force Roster is Appendix 1 to the *Oregon Disaster Housing Strategy*. The Task Force has met approximately a dozen times since February 2010, and plans to continue to meet semi-annually to improve and maintain the *Oregon Disaster Housing Strategy*, and to foster ongoing familiarity with the people, resources, and procedures involved in providing disaster housing.