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An Affiliated Council of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC)

The Community College Citizen Preparedness Program (3CP2)

“A National Initiative”

A 2008 U.S. Department of Homeland Security – FEMA national competitive grant.

Awardee: National Partnership for Environmental Technology Education (PETE), a national not-for-profit organization, PETE is one of 22 Councils of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC).

Goal and Objectives: The goal of 3CP2 is to train a minimum 500,000 U.S. citizens through the nation’s community colleges, over a three-year period, on specific protective actions to save lives and minimize injuries after a disaster and before arrival of first responders.

Objectives:

- Develop a two-hour Citizens Preparedness awareness-level course and a 2.5 day Train-the-Trainer
- Develop and implement a two-hour Citizen Preparedness course using web-based delivery to be offered to students and citizens unable to attend face-to-face classes.
- Five Lead community colleges with exemplary homeland security programs will offer Train-the-Trainer programs and mentoring, to prepare a minimum 125 Hub community colleges to each deliver an average 200 Citizen Preparedness courses for a minimum 4,000 students and implement a business model for sustaining homeland security and citizen preparedness programming at their colleges.
- Upon completion of instructor training, Hub colleges will receive a DVD with the entire course and a curriculum CD with the course overview, course syllabus, course text, Power Points, plus supplemental instructor resources.

Impact and Outcomes: 125 strategically-located Hub colleges will have the knowledge to implement self-sustaining homeland security programs and institutionalize citizen preparedness courses in cooperation with community-based organizations. A minimum 500,000 citizens will know how to avoid death and injury resulting from disaster; many will share this information with others and become involved in community preparedness organizations.

Course to be Developed:

1. Citizen Preparedness Course. The two-hour blended curriculum will be delivered by a minimum 125 Hub Colleges, strategically located throughout the United States, with the goal of helping citizens preserve life and minimize injuries sustained in a disaster. Learning objectives:

- To be able to identify from regional threats those affecting you, your family, and community
- To be better prepared to function for 72 hours during a disaster without first responder assistance by being able to access and share appropriate information/training.

Status: 2 hr Training Course developed and have conducted 3 “pilots”, FEMA CRA Review, sought and recently have this course certified by FEMA.

2. Train-the-Trainer: Citizen Preparedness and Program Sustainability. The 2.5-day Train-the-Trainer program will enroll a minimum 80 college staff from 40 colleges each year that are committed to the goal of building a

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sustainable program to prepare students and communities for a disaster. The program will deliver a community college business model that stresses responsibility to the community and nation. Community preparedness training will be based on the DHS 8 Key Scenario Sets and 15 National Planning Scenarios, putting emphasis on local priorities through the local college's existing collaborative partnerships with local first responders and their needs assessments of the region.

Learning objectives will enable colleges to:

- Assess local needs using the 8 sets and 15 scenarios
- Develop partnerships with Citizen Corps Councils and other CBOs
- Produce sustainable model programs and courses by meeting staff development and equipment requirements through resource development and management
- Deliver the two-hour Citizen Preparedness Course, described below:

Status: *Conducted 5 - 2 ½ day 3CP2 Train-the-Trainers at 3CP2 Lead Colleges in 2010. We are now awaiting final course certification on the 2 ½ day 3CP2 Train-the-Trainer from FEMA. Will be conducting nationwide solicitation through AACC for the Year 2 round of 40 colleges early in 2011.*

Target Audience: A minimum 500,000 students, faculty, staff, associated families, and community members served by 1,173 local community colleges make up the project's target audience. Three special needs populations include students enrolled in English for Speakers of Other Languages and their families, families from economically disadvantaged areas, and families of first generation college students. These populations commonly attend community colleges and are documented to be minimally prepared for surviving a natural, man-made or technological disaster. Students and staff will receive training during orientation in the fall and/or spring of each year. The community will be invited to participate in no-cost courses offered through the continuing education divisions of each college

Lead Colleges: Five community colleges that led the formation of AACC's Homeland Security Action Team in 2005, will offer the Train-the-Trainer program to instructors from 125 strategically located Hub colleges. Each college is committed to annually:

- Offer the 2.5-day Train-the-Trainer Program and continue to mentor participants
- Collect and summarize training, evaluation, and follow-up data from Hub colleges
- Present the two-hour Citizen Preparedness Course at national conferences and workshops providing mass promotion and dissemination of the course
- Offer the Citizen Preparedness Course to their student body and community members
- Information about the emergency response programs, facilities and the 3CP2 project director for each Lead College follows. The following are the Lead Colleges:
 - ❖ **Monroe Community College**, Rochester, NY
 - ❖ **Pierce Community College**, Lakewood, WA
 - ❖ **Westmoreland County Community College**, Youngwood, PA
 - ❖ **Oakland Community College**, Auburn Hills, MI
 - ❖ **Miami-Dade College**, Miami, FL

Hub Colleges.

A minimum 125 Hub colleges will collectively deliver the two-hour Citizen Preparedness course through blended-delivery methods to a minimum 500,000 students and members of the public. Hub colleges serve all 60 Tier 1 and nearly all 53 Tier II 2008 UASI.

Why Should our College Participate?

- ✓ **Help meet the regulatory requirements of emergency planning required by the U.S. Department of Education.**
- ✓ **Access a two-hour Student Preparedness course curriculum, with permission to duplicate, that has been approved by FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security.**
- ✓ **Become part of a national network of community colleges building sustainable Homeland Security, Emergency Management, and Citizen Preparedness programs.**
- ✓ **Be mentored throughout the year by community colleges with exemplary programming. Learn about the grants and partnerships that sustain their programs.**
- ✓ **Enjoy publicity from AACC and community college news outlets about your participation in the network.**
- ✓ **Reduce liability and increase security through student training.**
- ✓ **Increase parent and family involvement in emergency planning and awareness.**
- ✓ **Provide students with volunteer opportunities and involvement in the community.**
- ✓ **Establish or improve relationships with community preparedness agencies and organizations.**
- ✓ **As part of the national network, access 3CP2 online student preparedness programming in future years.**

SAVE STUDENT, FACULTY & STAFF LIVES AND MINIMIZE INJURIES!