Catastrophic Planning

The big one. We know it will happen—but where, and when? Leaders at the federal, regional, state, and local levels recognize the need to establish a risk-based, comprehensive emergency management system that relies on integrated, scalable, and executable operational planning documents. This effort can help ensure a high level of readiness in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from catastrophic events.

To plan for the worst—assuming traditional resources and partners you routinely count on may not be available to assist—you must conceive and consider as a distinct possibility events that seem almost impossible. Planning at this elevated level highlights the complexity, and yet the absolute necessity, of preparing for catastrophic events. It requires a comprehensive yet flexible planning framework to integrate capabilities available from government, industry, and the whole community in the planning process. The effectiveness of plans depends on their responsiveness to all-hazard scenarios, available capabilities, and functional alignment to incident management doctrine.

Booz Allen Can Help You Develop Effective Emergency Preparedness Plans

Booz Allen Hamilton, a leading strategy and technology consulting firm, can help build your catastrophic planning capability to ultimately enhance local, state, regional, and national preparedness. Our team of experienced emergency management and homeland security experts has a long history of providing disaster planning, training, exercise, and operations coordination. To each engagement, we bring:

- **A comprehensive record of all-hazards support.** We have supported the government, including the Departments of Homeland Security, Defense, and Health and Human Services, as well as state and local governments, nongovernmental organizations, and the commercial sector.

- **Experienced staff.** Our staff can augment client organizations’ agility and flexibility to address tough challenges. Our experts include emergency managers, planners, exercise designers and developers, public health professionals, scientists, IT professionals, and modeling and simulation planners.

- **Leading-edge technology solutions.** Through modeling and simulation and decision support tools, we help clients plan for catastrophic scenarios, such as hurricane, pandemic flu, and earthquake. Our leading-edge tools, including our syndromic surveillance capability, help identify the early warning signs of a problem.
We understand how to integrate the national planning framework and homeland security doctrine to make our clients and their partners more effective emergency managers. A key success factor is our familiarity with interagency incident response roles and responsibilities. We are well versed in a variety of planning processes used at the federal level (e.g., Federal Emergency Management Agency’s six-step planning process), as well as the guidance and planning tools needed for successful application. We possess a full understanding of our clients’ missions and programs and have a demonstrated capability to develop, deliver, and support integrated, scalable, and executable operational planning documents.

Partnering in Catastrophic Planning

Our comprehensive understanding of emergency management can prepare your organization to continue to operate even in the face of a catastrophic event. Booz Allen has supported the development and delivery of preparedness, response, and recovery planning, and provided technical assistance to support Federal Regions in catastrophic incident planning. We bring together a wide range of stakeholders from federal, state, local, and private sectors, enabling an integrated planning effort to create multi-jurisdictional emergency management procedures for a catastrophic event.

Booz Allen has been instrumental in developing key planning documents and supporting other efforts related to catastrophic planning, including:

- National Response Framework
- Nuclear/Radiological Incident Annex
- Catastrophic Incident Annex
- Report to Congress on Catastrophic Hurricane Evacuation Planning Hurricanes
- Terrorist Use of Explosives
- Space Weather
- Floods
- Improvised Nuclear Devices
- Pandemic Influenza
- Bioterrorism
- Earthquakes
- Tsunamis
- Cyber Attacks

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