Regional Homeland Security Operations Coordination and Emergency Management

Homeland security operations coordination, conducted during steady-state periods and during emergencies and disasters throughout the United States, requires a whole community response concept. It occurs at all levels—national, regional, state, local, and incident. This coordination consists of actions and activities that enable decisionmakers to determine appropriate courses of action to provide oversight for complex homeland security operations and achieve unity of effort and effective outcomes.

Conducting these operations and organizing for all-hazard emergencies rely on comprehensive yet flexible national planning and preparedness frameworks that integrate the full range of homeland security capabilities from government, industry, and the public.

The success of regional coordination and emergency management initiatives hinges on effective planning and operations that integrate information, communications, coordination, and knowledge. A partnership among all stakeholders within a particular region is vital to emergency preparedness and response because it promotes resilience and enables individuals and communities to recover more rapidly from disasters. All stakeholders should be included—federal, state, and local government agencies; emergency responders; nongovernmental organizations; the private sector; and individuals.

Booz Allen Can Help You Enhance Your Emergency Preparedness and Response

Booz Allen Hamilton, a leading strategy and technology consulting firm, is committed to enhancing the ability of regional partners to execute their operations, response missions, and preparedness activities. By leveraging our operational expertise with the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS)—in particular, with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)—as well as our other agency experience, Booz Allen is equipped to craft comprehensive all-hazards prevention, protection, response, and recovery solutions that are sensitive to regional concerns while cognizant of national requirements.

Booz Allen’s Experience and Capabilities

We call on subject matter experts from Booz Allen’s offices in FEMA regions, the National Capital area, and around the country to work on client engagements involving a wide spectrum of operations. Booz Allen is rooted in many communities and is adept at working with local and regional partners. Our solid relationship with regional, state, and local partners ensures enhanced integration, coordination, awareness, and connectivity among key regional entities. This multilevel insight empowers us to deliver operational and planning support with an understanding of geographically unique relationships and challenges while remaining grounded in national homeland security doctrine.
Booz Allen helps our clients develop, maintain, and implement multidisciplinary interagency plans that link government, industry, and the public for improved all-hazard emergency management. We also help to validate those plans through regional training and exercises.

Our regional service offerings include surge staff to support catastrophic incidents. In addition, our regional planning efforts can be tailored to assist other regional federal and nongovernmental partners. Our extensive capabilities in integrated homeland security operations and emergency management also include:

- Incident management
- Operational planning and assessments
- Decision support and operations center design
- Disaster logistics
- Emergency communications
- Service to disaster victims
- Geospatial information sharing and visualization
- Continuity programs
- Public disaster communications
- Integrated preparedness
- Hazard mitigation
- Asset and facilities management
- Systems development and implementation

## Client Success Stories

Clients such as the DHS, FEMA, US Department of Defense (DoD), US Northern Command, US Department of Health and Human Services, and US Department of Transportation repeatedly turn to Booz Allen for integrated homeland security planning. Examples of our regional capabilities include:

- **Strategic Planning.** Booz Allen participated in developing headquarters and regional strategic emergency management to help guide priorities and preparedness efforts.

- **Exercise Development and Support.** Under FEMA’s National Exercise Program, Booz Allen works directly with state and federal clients to develop and conduct state- and regional-level exercises to further improve homeland security strategies. For National Level Exercise 2010 in FEMA Region IX, Booz Allen led the Private Sector Working Group and all-scenario simulation development for simulation cell management.

- **State Catastrophic Concept Planning.** Booz Allen provides analytical support to various clients in the development of regional and state catastrophic plans. By leveraging the expertise of federal, state, local, and private-sector stakeholders, Booz Allen created flexible plans using multiple computer-based modeling tools and gap analysis. The plans included an execution checklist that addressed critical tasks by phase and agency to facilitate preparation and response to a catastrophic hurricane.

- **Geospatial Information Systems (GIS) Collaboration.** Booz Allen supports the DoD, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, US Geological Survey, and DHS in the multi-agency Homeland Infrastructure Foundation-Level Data (HIFLD) Working Group. We assembled our experts in mission assurance, geospatial technology, and infrastructure protection to help establish a collaborative community of 3,000-plus federal, state, local, and private-sector partners to strengthen the collection, dissemination, and use of geospatial infrastructure data. Bimonthly HIFLD Working Group meetings held around the United States and full-time “HIFLD to the Regions” staff from across the nation regularly engage with state and local government officials, including state GIS coordinators, state fusion center personnel, and National Guard Joint Operations Centers.

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