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UPDATE ON CDEM RESILIENCE FUND PROCESS: FEBRUARY 2012

On 06 December 2011 I sent a letter advising the outcomes of the CEG Chair Forum, the priorities for the 2012/13 Resilience Fund round, and information on the resilience Fund process including the application form, evaluation committee and timeframes. As the timeframes this year are somewhat tight, I wanted to take this opportunity to reiterate some of the key points to help ensure that we can meet the deadlines.

Applications for the 2012/13 Resilience Fund close on 28 February 2012 and should be sent to alan.walker@dia.govt.nz. All applications to the Resilience Fund should be on the application form. The form and past examples of application can be found on the MCDEM webpage (http://www.civildefence.govt.nz/memwebsite.nsf/wpq URL/For-the-CDEM-Sector-CDEM-Groups-CDEM-Resilience-Fund?OpenDocument).

An evaluation process involving an independent Evaluation Committee will assess the applications in April 2012 and make recommendations to me. The Evaluation Committee will assess the proposals against the five priority criteria outlined in the CDEM Resilience Fund Guideline, these are:

- 1. Alignment to identified National CDEM strategy goals and objectives, priorities of the themes, and gaps identified by the CEG Chair Forum.
- 2. Alignment to addressing identified gaps in capability.
- 3. The value of the proposal for the wider CDEM sector.
- 4. Ability to deliver in the level of risk associated with project delivery
- 5. Value for money.

The CEG Chair Forum agreed that the priorities for the 2012/13 Resilience Fund round would be:

- 1. A major piece of work on emergency alerting.
- 2. Application of risk research to CDEM.
- Implementation and resourcing of EMIS.
- 4. Professional development.
- 5. Enhancing awareness of tourists.
- 6. Risk communication.
- 7. Business continuity planning.

Successful applicants will be notified in May 2012 – so that contract details for successful projects can be finalised before the end of the financial year (30 June 2012).

Due to staff changes in MCDEM, Sara Leighton (<u>sara.leighton@dia.govt.nz</u>, 04 495 6800) will be working on the administration of the program with Alan Walker. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact either of them.

We look forward to receiving your applications by 28 February 2012.

Yours sincerely

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Alan Walker

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