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DIRECTIVE: JOB CORPS INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 12-56
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TO: ALL JOB CORPS NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF
 ALL JOB CORPS REGIONAL STAFF
 ALL JOB CORPS CENTER DIRECTORS
 ALL JOB CORPS CENTER OPERATORS
 ALL NATIONAL TRAINING AND SUPPORT CONTRACTORS
 ALL OUTREACH, ADMISSIONS, AND CTS CONTRACTORS

FROM: ROBERT W. PITULEJ
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SUBJECT: 2013 Hurricane Preparedness Reminder

1. Purpose. To ensure that the Job Corps community is prepared for the 2013 hurricane season.
2. Background. The 2013 National Hurricane Preparedness week runs from May 26 to June 1. Scheduled activities include daily video and audio telecasts to address hurricane-specific topics, such as hurricane basics, wind, inland flooding storm surge, forecasting, and pre- and post-storm activities. For more information about National Hurricane Preparedness Week videos and other available resources, visit the National Hurricane Center website at <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare>.

Noted hurricane forecasters Dr. Phillip Klotzbach and Dr. William Gray predict the 2013 Atlantic hurricane season, which begins June 1 and lasts through November 30, will be very active compared to previous seasons. This year's storm predictions include 18 named storms, nine hurricanes, and four major hurricanes (Category 3, 4, or 5 on the Saffir-Simpson Scale). The forecasters suggest that there is an above-average chance for a major hurricane to hit the Caribbean or the Atlantic coast of the United States.

The 2012 Atlantic hurricane season produced 19 named storms, 10 hurricanes, and 2 major hurricanes. Hurricane Isaac struck Louisiana in late August 2012, resulting in 41 deaths and \$2.39 billion in losses. Hurricane Sandy made landfall October 20, 2012, resulting in 125 deaths in the United States and \$62 billion in losses, mostly in New York and New Jersey. Hurricane Sandy is the second-costliest hurricane to make landfall in the United States after Hurricane Katrina in 2005. (Refer to <http://earthsky.org/earth/csu-projects-active-2013-atlantic-hurricane-season>.)

3. Action. In accordance with Job Corps Policy and Requirements Handbook (PRH) Chapter 5, Section 5.20, R3, all Job Corps centers are required to prepare Emergency Action Plans (EAP) to address both natural and man-made disasters. Centers located in areas subject to the effects of tropical storms and hurricanes should have EAPs that include procedures for preparation, managing operations during a hurricane and post-hurricane and clean-up procedures. All Job Corps center EAPs should include standard operating procedures for effectively responding to flood-related emergencies and all hazardous situations.

Job Corps centers located in or near (up to 600 miles inland) coastal areas are encouraged to review the following resources:

- Job Corps Information Notice No. 11-77, “2012 Hurricane Preparedness Reminder,” released June 18, 2012;
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, “Natural Disasters and Severe Weather,” <http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/>
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Natural Disasters, Hurricanes, <http://www.epa.gov/hurricanes/>
- National Weather Service, National Hurricane Center, Hurricane Hazards, <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare/hazards.php>
- Federal Emergency Management Administration/Ready.gov, “Hurricanes,” <http://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>
- The American Red Cross, Hurricane Safety Checklist, http://www.redcross.org/images/MEDIA_CustomProductCatalog/m4340160_Hurricane.pdf

Addressees are to ensure that this Information Notice is distributed to all appropriate staff.

4. Expiration Date. Until superseded.

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