

**Gulf of Mexico Alliance Resilience Priority Issue Team  
Alabama Engagement Workshop  
May 20, 2008 – Spanish Fort, AL**

**FLIP CHART NOTES**

**1. Resiliency Index:**

- Use the Resiliency Index as a tool as part of communities' mitigation plans.

**2. Gulf of Mexico Resiliency Clearinghouse:**

- Draft actions 2, 3, and 7 seem to have a lot of similarities.
- Approach US Geological Survey about adding Resiliency to the education clearinghouse at [NBII.gov/gomaeen/](http://NBII.gov/gomaeen/) . Access the Gomaeen website through NGL's site. Use the [gulfbase.org](http://gulfbase.org) structure.
- Provide web links to county data.
- Utilize hazard mitigation plans as a resource.

**3. Resiliency Workshops and Networking Across Resilience-related Professions:**

- Give presentations to the right people at *their* meetings. Commissioner's meetings, council meetings, conferences, etc. AKA "go to them"
- Get the right people together to discuss resilience issues and to promote the clearinghouse and index.
- Distribute e-newsletters, and publish in cross issues to seemingly unrelated topics to get a broader audience.
- Coordinate with NERRs' Coastal Training Programs to educate about resilience.
- Engage NOAA and CSC.
- Coordinate with NFIP regarding state floodplain management workshops.
- Host "webinars" or "breeze" web-based conferencing to supplement ongoing workshops.

**4. Improved Spatial Reference Framework**

- To minimize the redundancy and cost amount of grant requests, capitalize on funded projects and in-state efforts, and provide a seamless reference network across the coastal areas of GOMA states, develop a coordinated approach to designate CORS priority areas, install and monitor HARN station installation and monitoring, and support re-leveling projects and referencing to tidal stations as needed.
- Ensure the coastal CORS and HARN is of a sufficient density to support rapid RTK GPS surveys, support remote sensing data acquisition (e.g., LiDAR, orthophotography, near-infrared, etc.), promote property and post-storm surge elevations from a common reference, implement to identify areas of land subsidence and uplift, if applicable, and other applications as identified.
- Apply established NSRS locations or identify needed NSRS control to re-evaluate critical facility vulnerabilities, established real-time water gage heights, emergency evacuation routes, flood mapping, and other coastal applications as identified.

- For topographic and bathymetric surveys, work with Federal, State, and local governments to establish a common vertical and horizontal datum standard and metadata reporting requirement across the GOMA states to further quantify modeling efforts, support a seamless and consistent elevation coverage, and to facilitate data transfer and integration.

#### **5. Incentives Research:**

- More green/resilient building practices need to be incentivized: If buildings have a green design, fees could be waived and taxes lowered or processed more quickly.
- Adopt an international building code with an international energy efficiency code.
- States should work with counties and cities to plan for greenspace (wetlands, grasslands, open space, etc.). State and county planning: plans tied into state insurance funds.
- Create strong incentives for conservation. Coordinate conservation developments for developers that have sensitive lands. Economic valuations of natural resources, including property values.
- Use the “power of spotlight” to bring pressure for incremental progress.
- Transferable development rights.
- Locate incentives/beneficial services to the public.

#### **6. Culture/heritage Documentation:**

- Promote fisheries cultures through nature tourism during off season. Example: crabber, shrimpers, etc. conduct fisheries tours to show how they make a living.
- Contact local government/county archives departments to obtain specific information about a community.
- Create an inventory/database of historical information.
- Reach out to alternative audiences and their leaders to educate on the goal of resiliency. (i.e., Hispanic, Vietnamese, Asian, faith-base communities. Possibly educate at/during local festivals for these communities).
- History Channel “Save Our History” Grant: award up to \$10,000. Applications due June 6, 2008. Awards are given to organizations that partner with schools or youth groups on community preservation projects that engage students in learning about, documenting and preserving the history of their communities. Questions can be directed to [info@saveourhistory.com](mailto:info@saveourhistory.com). More information is online at [http://www.history.com/minisite.do?content\\_type=Minisite\\_Generic&content\\_type\\_id=51650&display\\_order=3&mini\\_id=51103](http://www.history.com/minisite.do?content_type=Minisite_Generic&content_type_id=51650&display_order=3&mini_id=51103)

#### **7. Coastal Community Engagement:**

- Engage faith-based groups and provide stewardship information for action.
- Appoint a volunteer coordinator to manage those who offer to help.