

NIGP PREP (Procurement Response and Emergency Preparedness) Program

I work closely with the NIGP Knowledge Communities and wanted to get the word out about the PREP knowledge community and database. You may have recently witnessed the flooding in the Midwest, now is the time to be sure your agency is prepared in the event of a natural disaster. By enrolling in the PREP database, you will be on the path towards ensuring that your region has the critical supplies it needs to protect the community in which you live. The following article appeared in the NIGP Buy Weekly sent out electronically on June 11th. I thought it would be of value to Representatives of city, state, or county agencies and invite you to visit the website to see how this may help your agency or how your agency can be there to help others.

PREP Knowledge Community — PREP Database Ready for Member Participation

The mission of the NIGP PREP (Procurement Response and Emergency Preparedness) Program is to provide emergency logistical support network and a partnership database that enables governments and other entities affected by an emergency to obtain needed operational support from pre-identified partners located outside the impacted area as well as quickly identify sources of supply and existing inventories.

What is PREP?

PREP is a highly organized national plan facilitated by NIGP to provide a reliable source of goods and services from one entity to another entity in case of an emergency. These entities may include, but are not limited to, cities, counties and other public agencies. PREP grew out of the heightened awareness of the need for careful preparation for emergency response to such situations as natural disasters, technological hazards, man-made disasters, civil emergencies, community disorders, insurgency or enemy attacks.

Participants partner with another willing participant who identifies suppliers of key items common to emergencies. Both entities sign a Mutual Assistance Agreement outlining the methods of delivering materials and services between themselves when an emergency occurs. The willing participant must be outside of the impacted area with a similar population and means of transportation

For more information or to sign up for the Prep list serve and enroll in the PREP database visit [NIGP PREP Knowledge Community](#).

Should you have any questions about the PREP program and how it operates, please contact Faye Jackson at fjackson@nigp.org.