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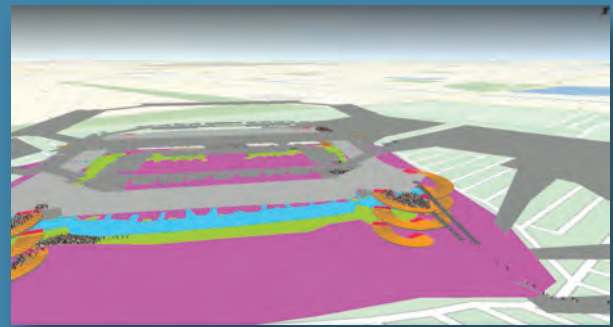
As our team looks forward to 2022, we are grateful for all of our clients and the ways in which our industry continues to innovate and improve to help communities across the world become safer and more resilient.

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Eight ARPA Challenges Beyond the Deadlines

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) provides an exceptional opportunity for governments and community leaders to not only recover from the impacts of COVID-19, but to help guide their communities on a path for sustained growth, revitalization, and resiliency. Beyond the deadlines of obligating (December 31st, 2024) and expending (December 31st, 2026) the funds, ISC has identified eight additional ARPA challenges.

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Team ISC Shows Up for National Make a Difference Day

Saturday, October 23, 2021, was national Make a Difference Day and a number of team ISC members and their families showed up to help!



Tim Bell and Dina Burrell of Team ISC, along with Dina's son and grandson, assisted in the rebuild of an elderly gentleman's home.



Jazmine Cureno, a consultant with ISC, spent the day volunteering with the Red Cross in her community in California.



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Click the topics below to read the latest news in emergency management and disaster recovery.

Disaster Recovery: Efforts to Identify and Address Barriers to Receiving Federal Recovery Assistance

Natural Disaster Can Set the Stage for Cyberattacks

National Advisory Council's Report to the FEMA Administrator

FEMA Flood Maps: Better Planning and Analysis Needed to Address Current and Future Flood Hazards

The Great Shakeout: How to Respond in an Earthquake

FEMA Extends Deadline to Apply for Ida Assistance

FEMA Announces Initial Initiatives to Advance Climate Change Resilience

Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic: Planning for Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management in Hospitals

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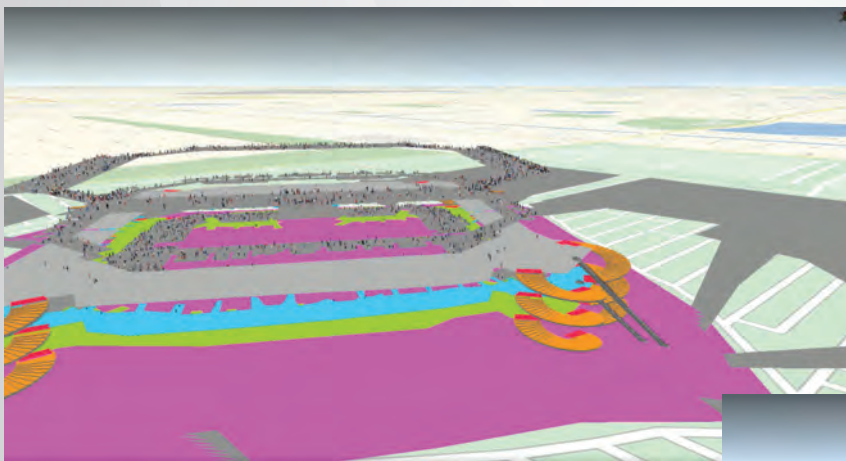
Our team of ARPA specialist are proactively working with our customers to implement solutions to ensure their communities maximize this unique opportunity. Here are the eight challenges we are helping our clients address.

- Communities will be overwhelmed with ideas and requests for how to spend ARPA funds.
- Requires management and oversight to instill integrity, transparency and accountability to meet expectations of the community and taxpayers.
- Unique opportunity for bold community projects, but ARPA funding must be used only on eligible activities.
- Opportunity to use ARPA to augment other COVID-19 funding initiatives (CARES Act, FEMA, etc.)
- Large funding will create additional burdens on staff that are already overwhelmed from COVID-19 hardships.
- Communities must track and report on ARPA funding progress.
- Potential loss of funding for not properly accounting for the ARPA dollars spent.
- Risk of claw-back or de-obligation of funds for not adhering to US Treasury requirements.

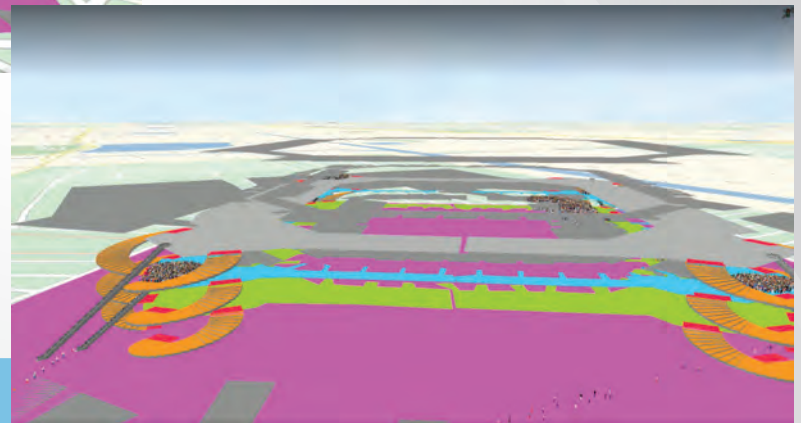


State-of-the-Art Evacuation Modeling: Making Vehicular Traffic and Crowd Behavior Safer

Modern climate cycles have brought rapid-onset, significant disaster events such as hurricanes, floods, and wildfires, which bring new challenges to emergency planning and preparedness. One of those challenges is the necessity to evacuate large populations out of harm's way. Implementing an evacuation order is a complex operation that requires significant planning, analysis, and coordination to execute the order in an efficient and effective method. Communities cannot underestimate the importance of conducting an evacuation study and the value of evacuation clearance time modeling to help facilitate good decision-making and operational effectiveness [CLICK HERE TO READ THE FULL BLOG](#)



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