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Upcoming Events

- Every other Thursday, check out ISC's free Webinars
Next Webinar: **Oct. 20 12pm EST**
Site Inspection Tool: Streamline Your Damage Assessments and Maximize FEMA Funding
- OEMA Conference Oct. 2-6 Eugene, OR
- NEMA Annual Forum Oct. 17-20 Stowe, VT

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

September 8, 1900

The 1900 Galveston hurricane, also known as the Great Galveston hurricane and the Galveston Flood, was the deadliest natural disaster in United States history and the second-deadliest Atlantic hurricane, only behind Hurricane Mitch overall. The hurricane left between 6,000 and 12,000 fatalities in the United States; the number most cited in official reports is 8,000. The storm surge inundated the coastline and the island city with 8 to 12 ft of water. In addition to the number killed, the storm destroyed about 7,000 buildings in Galveston. The hurricane left approximately 10,000 people in the city homeless, out of a total population of fewer than 38,000. The disaster ended the Golden Era of Galveston, as the hurricane alarmed potential investors, who turned to Houston instead. In response to the storm, three engineers designed and oversaw plans to raise the Gulf of Mexico shoreline of Galveston Island by 17 ft and erect a 10 mile seawall.





INDUSTRY NEWS

Emergency Declaration for Puerto Rico

San Juan, Puerto Rico – Today, FEMA announced that federal emergency aid has been made available to the Government of Puerto Rico to supplement the local government’s response efforts to the emergency conditions resulting from then Tropical Storm Fiona, now a Hurricane, beginning on September 17, 2022, and continuing.

The President’s action authorizes FEMA to coordinate all disaster relief efforts to support the Government of Puerto Rico and provide appropriate assistance for required emergency measures to save lives, protect property and public health, safety, and to lessen or avert the threat...

[READ MORE FROM FEMA](#)



National Preparedness Month

National Preparedness Month is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time.

There are many preparedness tools available at the ready.gov website such as, a preparedness calendar, social media posts, plan templates, and informational videos. All of which are also available in Spanish.



Governor of Alaska Prepares Federal Disaster Declaration Request

Governor Mike Dunleavy will request a Federal Disaster Declaration for the 2022 September storm currently impacting the west coast of Alaska. The damage assessment is now taking place with the State, local governments, regional entities, and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

“I will be submitting a request for federal assistance as soon as we gather the necessary information,” Governor Dunleavy said. “If approved, at least 75 percent of eligible disaster costs would be covered by FEMA, with the state picking up the tab for the rest.”

[READ MORE AT gov.alaska.gov/newsroom](https://www.gov.alaska.gov/newsroom)

Upcoming Events or Past Webinars?

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Clackamas County, OR Grant Management Project

Clackamas County selected ISC to provide a comprehensive grant and project data management web-based tool for use by County staff and external sub recipients to access and accurately record and report approximately \$81.2 million in American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funding details, including expenditure categories for all ARPA allocations to comply with quarterly and annual reporting to the US Treasury. ISC will support the County's response and recovery from the COVID-19 health emergency by using its **Odysseus™** Disaster Grant Management Tool (GMT) software application to track, administer, and report ARPA funding.

ISC WEBINAR: Managing ARPA Funds with the Odysseus™ GMT

If a hurricane or other disaster hit your community today, would you be prepared to manage your relief funds?

The **Odysseus™** Grant Management Tool (GMT) is an industry-leading solution that provides communities and stakeholders with a secure tool to easily manage all aspects of their disaster assistance funding.

Our webinar gave viewers a behind-the-scenes look at how a client uses the GMT to manage their funds, an overview of how the system works, and exactly how our software can help communities maximize their disaster recovery funding.

[WATCH THE REPLAY HERE](#)

Hamilton County, OH Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

In 2022, Hamilton County selected ISC to update its hazard mitigation plan (HMP). The ISC Team will facilitate webinars to introduce the mitigation planning process to local officials. Next, the ISC Team will plan and facilitate hazard mitigation planning workshops throughout the County to identify hazards and update and consider new mitigation strategies, gaining full participation from the County. Our Team will then design and distribute a comprehensive public survey. We will then leverage the survey data to inform the hazard risk prioritization process, ensuring the HMP will address the public's concerns and priorities. ISC will also plan, advertise, and executive public forums to share the HMP draft with County residents, providing all community members an opportunity to provide feedback. The final HMP will be reviewed by Ohio Emergency Management Agency (EMA) and FEMA.

In addition to the development of an HMP, Hamilton County continues to use ISC's technology, **Odysseus™** to assist with their county preparedness needs.

Upcoming Client Engagements

- ▶ State of Massachusetts -Disaster Recovery Services
- ▶ State of South Carolina -Disaster Response Services
- ▶ Chicago & Cook County -Monkey Pox Epidemic, Vaccination Operations
- ▶ Martin County -Preparedness & Recovery Contracts
- ▶ New York City - **Need a project title**
- ▶ Emergency Management Preparedness Projects: Ohio, Illinois, Oregon, California, Arizona, New Mexico



Odysseus™ Grant Management Tool

Managing federal disaster and COVID relief assistance is often a difficult task. Most communities struggle with how to manage and track the funds, adhere to all of the regulatory requirements, and also not risk adverse audit findings. To aid our clients, ISC has developed the Odysseus™ | GMT a ready-to-use or customized disaster grant management system that allows your organization to track, administer, and report grant funding.



[Click Here to Download the Complete GMT Brochure](#)

Evacuation Planning—Critical Tool for Communities

Evacuation orders are a common instrument for Emergency Managers to move individuals away from impending hazard threats. An evacuation order is no easy task. Planning, training, and exercising the processes and procedures of a mass evacuation is critically important.

[Click Here to Download the Complete Evacuation Brochure](#)



Industry Best UAS Technology & Software Solutions

The true power of the UAS is the hardware and software that support it to obtain and analyze data. UAS technology is evolving rapidly, making drones more versatile and better equipped to meet a diversity of needs. The advancement of software applications has allowed for innovative techniques to process and present the data. The marriage of UAS hardware and software allows ISC to provide our clients with powerful information and analytics to present the evidence and help officials make critical decisions.



[Click Here to Download the Complete Drone Brochure](#)



LETTER FROM ISC'S PRINCIPAL

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