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NIMS Integration Center Releases a NIMS *Guide* on the National Credentialing Definition and Criteria

FEMA's NIMS Integration Center has released a NIMS *Guide* detailing a National Credentialing definition and criteria. The NIMS *Guide* is a new document that should be regarded as guidance, dealing specifically with the way NIMS is defined or interpreted within a certain discipline.

The purpose of this NIMS *Guide* is to establish a standard definition and criteria for credentialing requirements as they relate to personnel ordered as single resources or personnel assigned to teams, and crew assigned to equipment, listed within the "Tier One" NIMS national resource typing definitions as posted by the NIMS Integration Center. This NIMS *Guide* augments the DHS-FEMA NIMS #501, Chapter 4, Resource Management - dated March 24, 2006. This document is also intended as an accompaniment to the NIMS *Guide* (NG 0001) titled "National Resource Typing Criteria" dated March 27, 2007.

The NIMS Integration Center and the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) on behalf of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) will work jointly to aid the states in implementing this guidance. The purpose of the implementation is to assist the states in tailoring the credentialing guidance to their specific situations and needs.

The NIMS *Guide*: National Credentialing Definition and Criteria (NG 0002) is located online at <http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/rm/guide.shtm>.