**FEMA Think Tank Call Focuses on Faith-Based and Community Organizations**

**Faith-based and community organizations play a critical role in a Whole Community based approach toward preparedness and emergency management. On Friday, August 17, FEMA Deputy Administrator Richard Serino will travel to Bennington, Vermont to discuss** the relationships of these organizations with the Federal Disaster Recovery Coordinators as part of the National Disaster Recovery Framework and how emergency managers at the local level are important aspects of the dialogue around creating mutually beneficial partnerships. Details of the call are as follows:

**What: FEMA Think Tank Conference Call**

**When: Friday, August 17, 2012**

 **1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EDT**

**Call-In: 1-888-469-1565**

**Passcode: Think Tank**

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As always, FEMA would love for you to share your ideas on how the role of faith-based and community organizations can advance the whole of community approach in emergency management. Please let us know what you think on the [FEMA Think Tank Online Forum](http://fema.ideascale.com/a/ideafactory.do?id=14692&mode=pending&discussionFilter=byids&discussionID=58850).