

STATE USE NEWS

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DISASTER & EMERGENCY PLANNING: SENIORS & DISABLED

A disaster recovery plan (DRP) is a documented process or set of procedures to recover and protect a business IT infrastructure in the event of a disaster. Such a plan, ordinarily documented in written form, specifies procedures an organization is to follow in the event of a disaster. It is "a comprehensive statement of consistent actions to be taken before, during and after a disaster." The disaster could be natural, environmental or man-made. Man-made disasters could be intentional (for example, an act of a terrorist) or unintentional (that is, accidental, such as the breakage of a man-made dam).

People need to plan for emergency evacuation in anticipated and unanticipated situations including chemical, biological, radiological, explosion, transportation accidents, fire, floods, earthquakes, mud slides, hurricanes, tornadoes, snow storms, power outages, etc.

For the millions of people with disabilities around the world, surviving a disaster can be just the beginning of a greater struggle.

For people with disabilities, barrier-free, as well as barrier-ridden, environments become a great deal more hostile and difficult to deal with during and after an emergency. For example, people with physical disabilities may have reduced ability to get to accessible exits, as well as reduced access to their personal items and emergency supplies. People with vision and hearing loss and people with speech-related disabilities often encounter many more communication barriers, especially when regular communication channels are down or overloaded. These barriers appear at a time when rapid communication may be crucial to survival and safety.

Emergency, or disaster, planning includes preparing organizations and staff to deal with natural and man-made disasters; to support people with disabilities in preparing for a disaster; and to provide education and information to ensure local and statewide emergency officials are fully prepared to address the needs of people with disabilities in the event of an emergency. Often the needs of people

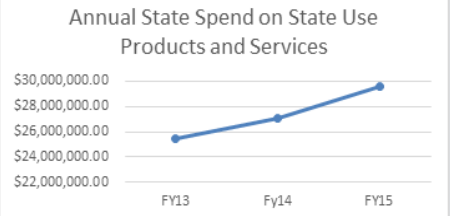
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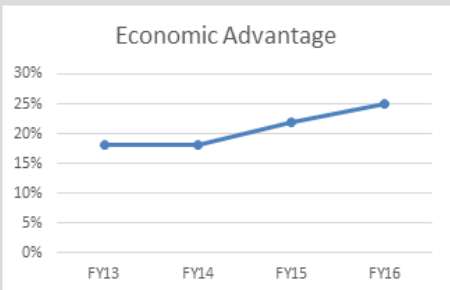
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STATE USE STATS



FY 13 = \$25,451,320.87
FY 14 = \$27,023,939.10
FY 15 = \$29,562,037.76



FY 13 = 18% FY 14 = 18%
FY 15 = 22% FY 16 = 25%

Economic Advantage - A benefit that can be expressed numerically as an amount of money that will be saved or generated as the result of an action.

(http://www.investorwords.com/16380/economic_benefit.html#ixzz3yOtjo euB)

A MESSAGE FROM STATE USE ADMINISTRATOR DARON HOGGATT



The State Use Program is glad to introduce a new vendor into the program and welcome Community Enterprises in Enid. Community Enterprises provides services from janitorial to custom packaging and more.

On a different topic, storm season is definitely upon us. Even as I write, the rain is coming down. As we prepare for the weather, let's keep in mind the less fortunate and those who may need our assistance. Be aware of those who may need help getting to safety, whether it be physical assistance or simply directions.

We also need to keep in mind those who have been affected by this type of disaster before.

I can't help but think back to the last tornado that hit Moore. I was fortunate to work with my church to set up a disaster relief center for those who needed aid. I found it very interesting to see who came to town to assist. Not only did the Thunder players show up, but many others such as a young lady named Willow Shields who played Prim in Hunger Games. She came to volunteer, get to know some of the affected youth and help with the relief efforts. Willow took days out of her busy schedule to come to Moore, Oklahoma to help people she did not even know.

I hope and pray we can all have the same compassion as Willow. Be safe this season!

– Daron Hoggatt

*The State Use Mandatory Contract Quick Reference Guide is located at:
www.ok.gov/DCS/documents/StateUseQuickRefGuide.pdf*



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with disabilities in emergency preparedness are unaddressed or plans are not well coordinated, leaving individuals with disabilities unnecessarily vulnerable in the event of an emergency.

The critical needs of individuals with disabilities during an emergency include the evacuation of transit systems, getting to safe shelter in the event of a natural disaster and full access to transportation systems when there is a need to evacuate a particular location.

If you or someone close to you has a disability or special need, you may have to take additional steps to protect yourself and your family in an emergency. Remember, preparedness must begin with you.

Preparation, which includes practice, is the key to success in dealing with a disaster. Preparation is an ongoing process. Keep in mind the usual means of support and assistance may not be available during an evacuation and after the disaster. Prepare a personal disaster plan with the following in mind:

- Create a network of neighbors, relatives, friends, and coworkers to aid you in an emergency.
- Discuss your needs and make sure everyone knows how to operate necessary equipment.
- Discuss your needs with your employer.
- If you are mobility impaired and live or work in a high-rise building, have an escape chair.
- If you live in an apartment building, ask the management to mark accessible exits clearly and to make arrangements to help you leave the building.
- Keep specialized items ready, including extra wheelchair batteries, oxygen, catheters, medication, prescriptions, food for service animals, and any other items you might need.
- Be sure to make provisions for medications that require refrigeration.
- Keep a list of the type and model numbers of the medical devices you require.
- Wear medical alert tags or bracelets to identify your disability.
- Know the location and availability of more than one facility if you are dependent on a dialysis machine or other life-sustaining equipment or treatment.

Disability organizations must join with relief and rescue organizations and the media to educate and inform their constituents of disaster contingency and self-help plans.

A universal design approach to meeting the needs of people with disabilities before and after a disaster will benefit many people without disabilities, such as the very young or the aged.

A look at existing agreements among relief organizations and local, state, federal and international governments will offer guidance in developing effective strategies for universal design and implementation plans.



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IMPORTANT DATES

State Use Committee Meetings

April 6, 2016
June 1, 2016
Aug. 3, 2016
Oct. 5, 2016
Dec. 7, 2016

All meetings start at 1:00 p.m.

Location: Rose State College, Student Center

April 5, 2016

People With
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Day at the State
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