

# Industrial Analysis Center for Disaster Support

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The Defense Contract Management Agency Industrial Analysis Center hosted a two-day workshop March 23-24 to support contingency planning. Mary Grace Dondiego, IAC director, opened the workshop by emphasizing the importance of reserve support and readiness to

augment DCMA personnel on the DCMA crisis action team.

Conference participants reviewed guidance, processes and procedures; assessed critical upcoming events; identified logistical requirements; established training plans and schedule; and coordinated for an operational exercise in early June.

As part of the Defense Industrial Base Defense Critical Infrastructure Program, DCMA IAC has the unique mission to identify, prioritize and assess risks and coordinate the protection of critical DIB assets. In direct support of the mission, Navy and Army reservists supplement the IAC in case of a contingency

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operation within or outside the continental U.S. This mission is in accordance with *Homeland Security Presidential Directive 7: Critical Infrastructure Identification, Prioritization and Protection* and DoD Directive 3020.40 *Defense Critical Infrastructure Program*. For a contingency operation, DCMA IAC reports to both the assistant secretary of defense for homeland defense and America's security affairs and the U.S. Northern Command.

As part of DCMA's response plan, reservists are critical to assist in any crisis — natural or

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man-made — which is especially important with hurricane season fast approaching. Reservists report to DCMA IAC to provide a 24/7 capability in a crisis or contingency environment. The crisis action team is augmented on a graduated approach based on requirements.

The operational plan consists of four levels: response cell, response team, modified crisis action team and full crisis action team. The basic proof of concept was tested in August 2008 with Hurricane Ike, where Navy and Army reservists manned the IAC operations center 24 hours a day for a three-day period. Since that time, the Navy reserve community has established a subordinate unit at the IAC.

Key DCMA IAC personnel, Navy reservists and Army reservists all benefitted from the workshop. Dondiego reinforced the criticality of the event, stating, “The joint reserve community provides essential support to DCMA's crisis team, and the workshop was just another building stone on which we build a team ready to respond to a crisis in support of the industrial base.” **C**



DCMA IAC personnel convened for a two-day workshop supporting contingency planning, March 23-24, 2009.