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THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON: Rules and Order

The House is taking shape this week, with emergency management controlling committee getting their leadership announced. Additionally, the [rules package](#) that will govern the body has been approved by the House this week as well. Hopefully, with this business handled, the House will begin considering legislation now in the new session.

This week, after the establishment of the House leadership and chamber rules for the next two years, the leaderships for emergency management ruling committees were announced. Representative Sam Graves (R – MO) will be the Chair of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, with Representative Rick Larsen (D – WA). Additionally, House Homeland Security will be led by Representative Mark Green (R – TN). These press releases can be found [here](#) for T&I and [here](#) for CHS.

NEMA staff is also hearing rumors that Representative Joyce (R—OH) will be the new Homeland Security Subcommittee Chair for House Appropriations.

Hearings the Week of January 16, 2023

No relevant hearings this week.

More News from the Nation's Capital...

FEMA Revolving Loan Fund Grant Program Application Period Opens Next Month
On February 1, FEMA will accept applications for the Safeguarding Tomorrow Revolving Loan Fund grant program. For the first year of the program, FEMA makes \$50 million available in capitalization grants to eligible entities to fund low-interest loans to local governments to mitigate the effects of drought, intense heat, shoreline erosion, severe storms, wildfires, floods, earthquakes and other natural hazards.

Loans will also be available to help local governments satisfy non-federal cost share requirements under FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance programs, update building codes adoption and enforcement and make zoning and land use changes

The Safeguarding Tomorrow Revolving Loan Fund funding notice is available at [Grants.gov](#). Eligible entities must apply for funding using the Non-Disaster Grants Management System. Applications must be received by 3 p.m. ET on April 28. Visit the [FEMA website](#) for additional information.

CISA Releases 2022 Year in Review

On Thursday, CISA released its *2022 Year in Review* highlighting the extensive work of CISA and its partners over the past year to protect the nation's critical infrastructure. The Year in Review is organized around the four goals outlined in the agency's first ever Strategic Plan: Cyber Defense, Risk Reduction and Resilience, Operational Collaboration, and Agency Unification. The full report can be found [here](#).

'Buy America' Preferences Now in Effect for FEMA Grant Programs

Twenty-three FEMA grant programs are now subject to the "Buy America" preferences under the Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA). This is part of FEMA's "Buy America Preference in FEMA Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure, FEMA Interim Policy #207-22-0001." This policy document provides guidance on FEMA's implementation of the domestic preference requirements outlined in BABAA, which is part of President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The Act requires that any infrastructure project receiving federal funding must source its iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials from the United States.

Frequently Asked Questions, additional guidance, resources and contact information can be found on [FEMA's "Buy America" Website](#).

DHS Forecast for Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention Grant Program

On Tuesday, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships (CP3) released a forecasted funding opportunity for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 [Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention \(TVTP\) Grant Program](#). Applicants should use this forecast and application guidance to begin to register/maintain their accounts with the required systems, find project partners, and draft their applications now.

Find the forecast [here](#).

Other News from DC and Around the Country:

NOAA: [Record drought gripped much of the U.S. in 2022](#)

HSToday: [Preparedness Concerns Weigh on Communities in FEMA Report Outlining Escalating Range of Disasters](#)

Insurance Journal: [Reinsurers Retreat From U.S. Disaster Hotspots on Climate Risks](#)

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