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## THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON:

### The Build-Up

Earlier this week the House passed their \$3.5 trillion budget plan as part of the larger plan to pass both the infrastructure bill and a broader social programs budget, opening the process for the legislative proposal itself and including a commitment to voting on the infrastructure bill by September 27.

Top of mind, though, for Congress and the rest of the nation, is the complex attack in Kabul that resulted in the deadliest day in Afghanistan for U.S. armed forces since 2011. This tragedy and the looming deadline for the evacuation effort will likely have implications for the annual drama scheduled for next week – the House Armed Services mark-up of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which provides funding levels and authorities for the Defense Department and other defense priorities. A late night event on the Hill at the best of times, the session will likely be even more drawn out than usual as members debate the hundreds of amendments that had already been offered before the attack (and the many yet to come).

After months of wrangling, September will be all about the money, money, money as Congress seeks to push ahead on the infrastructure legislation and a broader spending package, the NDAA, and the rest of the annual budget process (NEMA staff still expect to see a Continuing Resolution that will keep the lights on while giving Congress a little breathing room to complete other priorities).

#### Hearings the Week of August 30, 2021

[Stakeholder Perspectives on the Cyber Incident Reporting for Critical Infrastructure Act of 2021](#)

House Committee on Homeland Security

Wednesday, September 1, 12:00pm ET

#### NHSC Hosting Upcoming Webinar

As a reminder, the National Homeland Security Consortium (NHSC), which is administered by NEMA, is hosting a webinar available to the full NEMA membership. Please feel free to register and join as your schedule allows:

*State and Local Cybersecurity: Exploring Art-of-the-Possible in the Digital Present and Data Driven Future*

August 31, 2021, from 2:00 – 3:30 PM Eastern

Click below to register in advance for this meeting:

<https://csg-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUucuvpjsvHtBpAeEvLDYemaquVu1Bs-v2>

*More News from the Nation's Capital...*

#### NEMA 2021 Annual Forum Registration Now Open

NEMA is hosting its first in-person Forum in two years in Cleveland, Ohio this **October 12-15** at the Huntington Convention Center. We will be joined by FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell and NOAA Administrator Dr. Richard Spinrad. Sessions will focus on increasing equity in emergency management, interagency collaboration for cybersecurity, public-private partnerships for community resilience, the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program, and others. [Register here](#).

#### BRIC Pocket Guide Released by BuildStrong Coalition and NAMIC

The BuildStrong Coalition and National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (NAMIC) partnered to release the BRIC Pocket Guide, designed to help communities on assessing risks, collaborating with both government and non-government stakeholders, and making use of the numerous tools available to maximize a mitigation project's effectiveness. The guide includes annual activities needed for the BRIC cycle, building code information, tools for communities, and next steps for competitiveness. [See the guide here](#).

#### 2021-2022 SLTT Compendium of Key Intelligence Questions Released

The Department of Homeland Security's Office of Intelligence and Analysis (DHS I&A) released the 2021-2022 State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial (SLTT) Compendium of Key Intelligence Questions (KIQs). The KIQs are a collective of the highest-priority intelligence questions for August 2021-July 2022 as determined by the 226 submissions from state and urban area fusion centers, Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS) Centers, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Investigative Support Centers (HIDTA ISCs), and other field-based state and local intelligence and analytic entities. NEMA regularly submits a list of priority questions as determined by submissions through the Homeland Security Committee. The Compendium is available on HSIN-Intel.

*Other News from DC and Around the Country:*

The Pew Charitable Trusts: [5 Ways the Infrastructure Bill would Improve America's Flood Resilience](#)

Radio World: [The FCC Contemplates "Persistent EAS Alerts"](#)

Wall Street Journal: [Biden Says Cybersecurity is the 'Core National Security Challenge' at CEO Summit](#)

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