



**NEMA 2025 Annual Forum
October 9-12, 2025
Little America Hotel & Resort – Cheyenne, WY**

Agenda

Please see the NEMA Annual Forum app for all daily hotel shuttle schedules and locations, including evening events. Also, there is plenty of parking available for those that wish to drive their cars to the hotel.

Pre-meetings not included in registration. Closed sessions.		
8 -11:30 am	New State Director Orientation (closed)	Cheyenne Room
8:30 am - 4 pm	EMAC Executive Task Force (closed)	Teton Room
8:30 – 10:30 am	Deputy Directors Meeting (closed)	Grand Ballroom A
1:30 - 4 pm	State Hazard Mitigation Officers (closed)	Sheridan Room

Thursday, October 9

8 am – 4 pm	Registration	Sinclair Room
10:30 – 11:30 am	Legal Counsel Committee	Grand Ballroom D
11:30 am - 1:30 pm	Buffet Luncheon	Wyoming Ballroom
1 – 8:30 pm	Exhibitor Set-up	Grand Ballroom AD
1 – 3 pm	NEMA Board of Directors Meeting	Cheyenne Room
3:30 – 5:30 pm	State Director Executive Session (closed)	Wyoming Ballroom
6 – 7 pm	New State Director Welcome Reception (by invitation)	North Lawn
7 -9 pm	Hospitality Suite hosted by DRCA	Cheyenne Room

Friday, October 10

7:15 – 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast	Wyoming Ballroom
7:30 am – 3:30 pm	Registration & Exhibits	Sinclair Room, Grand AD
8:30 am - 12 pm	General Session	Grand Ballroom BC
8:30 – 8:40 am	Welcome and Call to Order	Grand Ballroom BC
8:40 – 9 am	Governor Mark Gordon, Wyoming	Grand Ballroom BC

7 – 9 pm	Hospitality Suite hosted by ICF	Cheyenne Room
<u>Sunday, October 12</u>		
7:30-8:30 am	Continental Breakfast	Wyoming Ballroom
7:30 am – 12 pm	Registration	Sinclair Room
8:30 – 9 am	The Future of Disaster Funding? Understanding Block Grants	Grand Ballroom BC
<i>Learn how disaster recovery funds flow from the federal government to states and nonprofits, and what it would mean to shift from project-based FEMA Public Assistance to block grant-style funding. Attendees will learn the basics of appropriations laws, federal funding agreements, how CDBG-DR and PA programs differ, what defines a block grant, pros and cons, and ideas for improving the PA program.</i>		
Speakers:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erin Greten, Of Counsel, Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz PC • Amanda Spain, Shareholder, Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz PC 		
9:05 – 9:35 am	National Risk Study of States	Grand Ballroom BC
<i>This session will highlight the results of the National Risk Study of States and Territories, a survey on how technology, the workforce, funding, and the risk environment influence emergency management’s ability to achieve priorities and meet the mission. The Study was a collaborative effort between NEMA, Deloitte, and the National Center for Disaster Preparedness at Columbia University.</i>		
Speakers:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Byrne, Specialist Executive, Deloitte • Ragini Basu, Principal, Deloitte 		
9:35 – 9:45 am	Break	Grand Ballroom Reception
9:45 – 10:45 am	Response and Recovery Committee	Grand Ballroom BC
11 am – 12 pm	Whole Community Committee	Grand Ballroom BC
11:30 am – 1 pm	Buffet Lunch	Wyoming Ballroom
1 – 2 pm	Legislative Committee	Grand Ballroom BC
2:15 – 3 pm	Closing Business Session	Grand Ballroom BC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports by Officers • Voting on NEMA Committee Position Papers • Adoption of Updated NEMA Strategic Plan • Election of Officers • Remarks by Incoming President A.J. Gary 		
3:30 -5 pm	State Director Executive Session (closed)	Cheyenne Room