Disasters: Context for Collaboration

- Disasters inevitable in cultural institutions
- Some institutions lack the resources to respond to a major disaster
  - Water leaks and floods
  - Fire
  - Earthquakes
- Networks encourage and support disaster preparedness and response among their members.

Disaster Planning

- Institutional disaster planning
  - WPI workshops
  - WESTPAS workshops: http://westpas.org/
  - COSA PreP Plan
- Collaborative disaster networks – work group
  - General Guidelines
  - Tools to help groups form networks
  - State-wide services – work group

Networks: Organize by Counties

- Emergency Management – organized at county and city level in Washington
- But might cross county or state lines
- Large counties – more than one network

Tools To Help Networks Organize

- Model Mission Statement
- Model Mutual Aid Agreement
- Model list of Disaster Recovery Supplies
- State wide services
**Model Mission Statement**

- To help organizations respond to disasters affecting cultural resources and collections
- Members help each other by providing advice, support and/or actual recovery assistance
- Membership is a commitment by an organization to make disaster preparedness and staff training an administrative priority.

**Model Mission Aid Agreement**

- This is what we agree to.
- “Nothing in this Agreement will be deemed to create a contract, legal agreement, employment relationship, partnerships (or fiduciary relationships) among the parties. No party to this Agreement shall be liable for any action spoke, written or taken.”

**Model list of Disaster Recovery Supplies**

- Compared lists from existing networks
- Most lists are for library-based networks
- Work in process
- We can identify sources for some supplies and services, but
- Local sources of supplies – network responsibility

**State Wide Services**

- Website – Office of the Secretary of State
- Washington Collections Emergency Response Team (WCERT)
- State wide agreement with a emergency recovery service (OSS or OFM RMD)
  - Expedites response without bid process
  - Massachusetts
  - Montana
- COSTEP (Coordinated Statewide Disaster Preparedness) IMLS funded

**Issues: Funding**

- Network resources
  - San Diego/Imperial County: $500 initial; $100-$300 renewal
  - Vermont: $50 - $75
- Other – WCERT help?
  - WSL – LSTA initiative
  - Insurance companies
  - Department of Homeland Security – FEMA
  - NEH Preservation Assistance Grants ($6,000)

**Issue: Implementation**

- Who should be taking the lead in forming a network?
  - C2C work group on collaborative disaster planning
  - WESTPAS disaster preparedness workshop graduates
- Pick a couple of counties to start – build on their experience
- Once WCERT established, it can help other networks organize
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