



**DISTRICT XI
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
TRAINING SUBCOMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2008@ 10:00 AM

**South Florida Regional Planning Council
3440 Hollywood Blvd, Suite 140
Hollywood, FL 33021**

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Manny Cela opened the meeting for Chair Bob Marton at 10:12 am.

2. Introductions

In attendance were LEPC members George Danz, Hugh Johnston, Ronald King, Robert Marton, and LEPC Coordinator Manny Cela. Also in attendance were Braulio Correa, Yvette McLeod (via conference call) and Farah Brizard.

3. Review of Past Actions

Reviewed the minutes from the January 29, 2008 Training Subcommittee Meeting.

4. Training Courses

The members reviewed several responses to our Training Vendor Request for Information (RFI).

LEPC member Ray McDonald submitted the only proposal for the Chemical Compatibility and Storage class. The Subcommittee requested a signed Conflict of Interest Form and a more detailed course outline. The members also requested that the course direction be tightened. The price quote of \$3,500 will accommodate up to 50 students. LEPC Coordinator Manny Cela was directed to consult with the instructor to obtain the information requested and schedule the class.

The LEPC received three responses to the Clandestine Drug Lab Awareness Course RFI. Multijurisdictional Counterdrug Task Force Training (MCTFT) from St. Petersburg College specializes in law enforcement training. Their contact declined to provide a written proposal and instead directed the LEPC to a website. MCTFT is not registered with the State Fire College and provides no Continuing Education Units (CEUs). Although there is no cost for the actual training, no information is available on instructors, which are assigned based on availability on the date chosen for the class.



MethID is a well known firm in the State. They have provided training at several other LEPCs and taught last year's 3-day Operations Clandestine Drug Lab class. MethID is registered with the State Fire College, which means that Fire Rescue students can apply for CEUs. This proposal came complete with class details and a price quote of \$3,500 for the 8-hour class.

American Compliance Technologies (ACT) sent a proposal after the prescribed RFI deadline. LEPC member Hugh Johnston, who is employed by ACT, provided a signed Conflict of Interest Form and refrained from this portion of the discussion. ACT's price quote of \$1,200 provides for a 6-hour class.

After some discussion, the Subcommittee decided to honor the RFI timeframes and choose a well known vendor for the Clandestine Drug Lab class. Manny Cela was directed to negotiate a contract with MethID to offer this class.

Manny Cela described an opportunity to partner with the Gold Coast Clean Cities Coalition to offer a Hybrid Electric Vehicle First Responder Safety Training Course. The \$4,000 cost for this class (offered as two 4-hour sessions morning and afternoon of the same day) would be offset by a \$2,000 donation from the Clean Cities Coalition. The Subcommittee directed Manny Cela to pursue this opportunity to offer this class in South Florida.

5. Members Comments

- George Danz suggested that offering classes on Saturdays may increase interest. Ronald King described his experience taking a weekend HazMat class.
- Manny Cela was granted permission to seek additional vendor responses for the three remaining classes: HazMat First Responder Awareness, Hospital HazMat and ERG/CHEMTREC Use. George Danz volunteered to assist in the process.
- The members reviewed the LEPC's list of Training Vendors and were asked to forward any additional contacts to Manny Cela.
- HazMatIQ sent an unsolicited training proposal, which was filed for next year.
- The members were reminded of the upcoming HSEEP class at FDLE in Miami on June 26-27 and urged to provide the information to their contacts.
- The next meeting will be scheduled at Chair Bob Marton's discretion.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:27 am.