REGIONAL CATASTROPHIC PREPAREDNESS GRANT PROGRAM (RCPGP)

INVESTMENT JUSTIFICATION TEMPLATE
FY 2009
RCPGP Background
The Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPGP) is intended to enhance regional catastrophic preparedness and continuity of operations efforts, with the aim of strengthening the Nation against risks associated with catastrophic events. The RCPGP centers on the highest risk Urban Areas and surrounding regions, where its impact will have the most significant effect on our collective security and resilience. Each site eligible for participation in the RCPGP, designated as the RCPGP site, includes a collection of jurisdictions that must work collaboratively to fulfill the program requirements.

The RCPGP initiative is provided in response to the direction by Congress to develop “all-hazard regional catastrophic event plans and preparedness” for UASI Urban Areas and participating governments. The goal of this program is to allow Urban Areas to determine how to improve their security and resilience through a process best described as “Fix, Build, and Resource” — that is, fix shortcomings in existing plans; build regional planning processes and planning communities; and, link operational needs identified in plans to resource allocation, including homeland security grant programs.

Purpose and Audience
This MS Word document contains the instructions and template for the RCPGP Investment Justification. All RCPGP Investment Justifications for FY 2009 must be developed using this template. Each of the eleven pre-designated urban areas within an RCPGP site may submit a maximum of one Investment Justification for the FY 2009 grant cycle.

To be considered for award, the RCPGP Investment Justification must be accompanied by all grant materials specified in the Overview section and submitted by the primary SAA via grants.gov by 11:59 PM EDT on March 20, 2009. Documents must be submitted as a single Grant Application package under Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number 97.111.

Content
Key topics covered in this document include:
- Overview
  - Submission Requirements
  - Further Assistance
- Instructions for Completing an Investment Justification
  - Section I: Overview
  - Section II: Background
  - Section III: Project Details and Project Management
- Investment Justification Template

Document Title: Investment Justification Template
OVERVIEW

Each of the eleven pre-designated high risk, high consequence urban areas within one of the ten RCPGP sites must submit a Grant Application package to DHS on or before March 20, 2009 to apply for and receive RCPGP funds. The Regional Catastrophic Planning Team (RCPT) is responsible for the development of the RCPGP Grant Application package, while the SAA is responsible for submission. The SAA may submit a maximum of one Investment Justification package per pre-designated urban area for the FY 2009 grant cycle.

This document provides instructions and a template for the Investment Justification. All Investment Justifications must be developed using this template. A complete Grant Application package includes an Investment Justification, a detailed project plan, all standard federal grant application forms, an RCPT membership list, and an RCPT Charter. DHS uses the Grant Application package to make grant award decisions and inform programmatic decisions.

Submission Requirements

The program title listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) is “Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program.” The CFDA number is 97.111. Once Central Contractor Registration (CCR) is confirmed, submit completed Investment Justifications along with all other required documents to DHS via grants.gov by 11:59 PM EDT on March 20, 2009. The primary SAA, as designated by the RCPT, is the only entity eligible to submit the documents.¹

To be considered complete, the Grant Application package must include all of the following required documents, uploaded to grants.gov as separate Adobe .pdf or MS Word files:

- Investment Justification (developed using this template)
- Detailed Project Plan (for each project submitted)²
- RCPT Membership List²
- RCPT Charter²
- Standard Form 424, Application for Federal Assistance
- Standard Form 424A, Budget Information
- Standard Form 424B, Assurances
- Standard Form LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Prior to submission, save the documents as separate Adobe .pdf or MS Word files (version 2003 or earlier) using the following naming convention: RCPGP Document Title_Site Name.doc

Further Assistance

For additional guidance, please contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) at askcsid@dhs.gov or 1-800-368-6498 or e-mail RCPGP@dhs.gov. Additional information on RCPGP is also available at http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/rcp/index.shtm.

¹ Section III.C and Section IV of the FY 2009 RCPGP Guidance and Application Kit provide additional information on the primary SAA and submission of the grant application.
INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING AN INVESTMENT JUSTIFICATION

This section provides detailed guidance for completing the RCPGP Investment Justification. Details regarding the other required documents (i.e., detailed project plan, standard forms, RCPT Membership List, and RCPT Charter) can be found in Section IV.B of the FY 2009 RCPGP Guidance and Application Kit.

The Investment Justification consists of three primary sections, listed below. Completion instructions for each section can be found in the following sections.

- Section I: Overview
- Section II: Background
- Section III: Project Details and Project Management

Section I: Overview
The Overview section provides FEMA NPD HQ with general information related to the RCPGP site and a summary of the projects proposed in the Investment Justification. This section is structured like a form, with specific questions and designated areas for response. Detailed instructions for this section have been inserted into the template.

Section II: Background
The Background section provides FEMA NPD HQ with an update on the RCPGP site’s RCPT and current regional planning effort. This section is structured like a form, with specific questions and designated areas for response. Detailed instructions for this section have been inserted into the template.

Section III: Project Details and Project Management
The Project Details and Project Management section provides FEMA NPD HQ with a detailed description of each proposed project. This section is free-form, allowing the RCPT maximum flexibility in the presentation of the proposed project(s). This section should be split into two sub-sections for each proposed project: Project Details Section and Project Management Section. Each sub-section must include all information specified below, but the format and length of the response is at the discretion of the RCPT.

Project Details

- **Project Name**
  Create and provide a unique title for the proposed project.

- **Project Number**
  In the event that multiple projects are proposed in the Investment Justification, assign a project number and identify the project as “Project X of Y.” For example, if the Investment Justification includes two projects, indicate the project number in the following format: *Project 1 of 2.*

- **Estimated Project Cost**
  Include an estimated cost breakdown for the proposed project. Allowable costs include planning, personnel, and management and administration. More information on allowable costs is included in Appendix A of the FY 2009 RCPGP Guidance and Application Kit. All management and administration expenses must be justified in this section. Please refer to section IV.E. in the FY 2009 Guidance and Application Kit for further information on management and administration costs.
The sum of estimated project costs for all proposed projects must equal the amount specified for the site in Section II of the FY 2009 RCPGP Guidance and Application Kit.

- **Cost Share Requirement**
  Describe how the 25 percent cost share requirement of non-federal funds (cash or "in-kind") will be met. Investment Justifications may spread the 25 percent cost share requirement unevenly across projects. Please refer to section III.B. of the FY 2009 Guidance and Application Kit for further information regarding the required cost share.

- **Start Date & End Date**
  Indicate the start and end date of the proposed project. Projects must start and end within the grant’s 24 month period of performance.

- **Project Scope Statement**
  Provide a scope statement for each proposed project. Scope statements must meet the following criteria:
  - Briefly state the project’s objective(s) in terms of desired outcomes and final products
  - Describe all of the work required, and only the work required, to complete the project successfully
  A strong scope statement should be precise and use action verbs (e.g., develop, deliver, select). Applicants may supplement the project scope statement with a work breakdown structure if they choose. The scope statement and work breakdown structure will become the basis for measuring project success.

- **Explain how Specified Requirements will be Fulfilled**
  Provide an overview of each catastrophic planning project that will be implemented using RCPGP funds. At a minimum, each overview must specify the expected outcomes and accomplishments of the project and detail how the proposed projects fulfill the following requirements, citing specific examples where possible.
  - Address the following RCPGP FY 2009 priorities:
    - Ensure the integration of planning and synchronization of plans through the use of national planning systems and tools
    - Share best practices in support of a robust national planning community
    - Implement citizen and community preparedness campaigns with a focus on educating citizens about catastrophic events and the necessary steps for preparedness
    - Plan for the pre-positioning of needed commodities and equipment
    - Implement the principles and processes identified in CPG-101\(^2\) for the development of plans consistent with the Integrated Planning System.
    - Address shortcomings in existing plans and processes
  - Focus on at least one of the three RCPGP objectives (Fix, Build, Resource)\(^3\)


\(^3\) Each individual project does not need to focus on all three objectives; however, the projects collectively must address all three objectives and their deliverables, with a priority focus on the Fix objective.
o Build on FY 2008 RCPGP funded projects to ensure successful coordination and implementation of the plans developed

o Improve the RCPGP site’s catastrophic incident preparedness for *all threats and hazards* when combined with existing efforts

o Correct shortcomings identified in reports on catastrophic planning (e.g., Hurricane Katrina After Action Reporting or the 2006 Nationwide Plan Review, the FY 2007 FEMA-led Gap Analysis, or Congressional requirements)

o Demonstrate consistency with available national planning guidance and the goals, objectives, and targets identified in relevant State/Urban Area Homeland Security Strategies and the State Preparedness Report(s)

o Explain how selected target capabilities will be addressed

- **Coordination with Applicable Entities**
  Describe how the activities will be coordinated with all relevant State, local, regional, and Tribal authorities. In addition, include coordination between private sector representatives, critical infrastructure owners and operators, and Citizen Corps Council representatives.4

**Project Management**

- **Key Milestones**
  Provide a list of the project’s high-level, key milestones, including start and end dates. At a minimum, the key milestones must include all project and program deliverables. Additional milestones and details will be provided in the Detailed Project Plan (see Section IV.B of the Guidance and Application Kit for additional information).

- **Project Leadership Team and Key Resources**
  Describe, at a high-level, the roles and responsibilities of the management team, governance structures, and subject matter expertise required to manage the project. If the management team is the same as in other projects, the response should explain why this is appropriate.

  Also, include a high-level description of the roles and responsibilities of all key resources outside of the project leadership team. For example, key resources may be emergency management subject matter experts, representatives of public utilities, or technical resources that are critical for the success of the project. All resources that are essential for the success of the project should be included.

- **Risk Identification and Risk Management**
  Identify and describe project-related risks that threaten the effective implementation of each project in terms of cost, schedule, or quality. Common examples of project risks include:

  o Scope creep (i.e., unplanned expansion in the size of the project)

  o Delayed decisions (i.e., a key decision-maker is unavailable or slow to respond)

  o Resource imbalances (i.e., too few resources cause slips in schedule, too many increase overhead)

  o Coordination of many stakeholders with varied interests (i.e., it can be difficult to schedule large meetings if everyone is not invested in the outcome)

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4 Section III.C of the FY 2009 RCPGP Guidance and Application Kit provides a list of entities required for coordination.
o Underestimation of project costs
o Reliance on a small number of vendors without cost controls
o Inability to secure key resources for project management team or other subject matter experts

For each risk identified, include the following:

o The probability of occurrence. At a minimum, the Investment Justification should indicate the probability as high, medium, or low for each risk identified.

o The level of impact on the project’s success, should the risk occur. The level of impact should describe, at a high level, the projected impact to the success of the project (i.e., a high impact risk might significantly change the project plan; a low impact risk might decrease the ability to complete a milestone on time).

In addition, describe the risk management strategy to handle each identified risk. Each risk can be managed with the following four strategies; select the strategy that is most capable of managing the identified risk.

o Accept: In the event the risk occurs, the project leadership team may choose to accept the impact of the risk. Before selecting this strategy, ensure the primary impacts of the risk are clearly understood (i.e., delays of related deliverables or projects). Acceptance is an appropriate strategy when risks are small and the impact of all other strategies outweighs that of retaining the risk.

o Avoid: To prevent the risk from occurring the project leadership team may choose to avoid the impact by changing plans. For example, the deliverable or necessary task that causes the risk may be removed from the project plan. Avoidance may appear to be beneficial, but consider the loss of potential gain, by removing the deliverable or task.

o Mitigate: Creating a mitigation strategy involves taking immediate steps to reduce the impact of the identified risk. Identify what extra steps can be taken to mitigate the impact of the identified risk and describe each briefly.

o Transfer: Transferring risk involves sending the risk to a third party. In some cases, certain groups will be better equipped to handle a given risk or be able to accept the impact. For example, fire representatives are better equipped to handle the risk of fire and are a logical choice for the transfer of the identified risk.

To ensure that all appropriate information is captured regarding project risks, it is recommended that the Investment Justification include a table or chart to outline each risk identified, assess the probability and impact, and identify a risk management strategy. An example chart is included below.
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<td>High</td>
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<td>Mitigate: RCPT will establish protocol for project-related decision-making (e.g., project manager approval for low-impact decisions and RCPT approval for high-impact decisions only, in order to decrease bureaucracy).</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Not Enough Resources to Complete Projects</td>
<td>Medium</td>
<td>High</td>
<td>Transfer: SAA will develop options for expedited hiring and procurement in the event that more resources are needed to complete project(s).</td>
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**SECTION I: OVERVIEW**

**Purpose:** Provide basic information on the applicant, geography, and projects.

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<td>Boston Area</td>
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**UASI Urban Area:**
- Boston Urban Area

**Geographical Area:**
Discuss any proposed changes to the pre-defined geographical area, as defined in the FY 2009 Guidance and Application Kit. Instructions on making changes to the site’s footprint are included in Section IV.B of the FY 2009 Guidance and Application Kit.

At this time the Boston Site is not proposing to make any changes to the pre-defined geographical area.
SECTION I: OVERVIEW (CONTINUED)

Project Focus:
Provide an overview of each project associated with this Investment Justification. The project overviews should include the project title and a short description of the type of project and its expected accomplishments, including a description of how it will build upon projects funded in FY 2008. Specific project details, including key milestones and risks, should be included in Section III: Project Details and Project Management.

The Boston Site will complete three projects with the FY09 RCPGP funding.

1. Regional All Hazards Risk Assessment
Working with the risk assessments that were completed with FY08 RCPGP funding the RCPT will complete a regional all hazards risk assessment. The RCPT needs to have a better understanding of the risks posed to the Region. The following functions of assessing risk need to be performed: 1) identify, characterize, and assess threats, 2) assess vulnerability, and 3) estimate consequence. The results of the risk assessment will drive future planning efforts by allowing for risk-based enhancement and development of capabilities.

2. Regional Disaster Housing Plan
In the aftermath of a disaster the Boston Site needs to ensure that all disaster victims have housing and access to food and other necessary life-sustaining commodities and resources. The plan will look to establish a regional disaster housing task force, will find and link available housing resources across the region, and will employ innovative forms of interim housing.

3. Commodities Distribution Planning and Pre-Positioning of Critical Emergency Supplies
The commodities distribution plan and pre-positioning of critical emergency supplies will address the ordering, receiving and distribution of mass commodities provided to the Region during times of major crisis. Specifically, the Commodities Distribution Plan will assess where commodity staging currently exists and additional opportunities for staging areas, will evaluate existing commodities distribution plans and create a regional plan and a local template. The planning effort will address what emergency supplies are on hand and where the region has gaps, what supplies should be procured to address the gaps, and where these supplies should be pre-positioned in the Region.
**SECTION II: BACKGROUND**

**Purpose:** Describe which regional partners will be included in implementing the projects outlined in this Investment Justification and the site’s current regional planning effort.

**Regional Catastrophic Planning Team (RCPT) Overview:**
Provide an overview of any changes to the RCPT from the FY 2008 grant application. This includes any changes to the RCPT structure, including number of members, agencies and jurisdictions represented, and voting rights. Specific details should be provided in the RCPT Membership List and Charter.

At this time no changes have been made to the RCPT Membership List. However, as we begin the planning process we envision setting up three working groups that will help drive each project being funded with FY09 RCPGP funds.
Current Regional Planning Effort:
Provide an overview of the site’s current regional planning effort, including key gaps. This section should include details regarding the FY 2008 funded projects and how the proposed FY 2009 projects build upon those started in FY 2008.

Our current planning efforts include establishing the RCPT and finalization of FY08 project plans. In the upcoming month two RFPs will be released to hire consultants to coordinate the working groups and complete the writing of the plans and annexes. In FY 08 we will complete focused risk assessments on selected threats and scenarios. Using FY09 funding the RCPT will build upon those risk assessments to complete an all-hazards risk assessment to provide a more global view of the risks that the Region faces. Both the Regional Disaster Housing Plan and the Commodities Distribution Plan will be developed based on the FY08 and FY09 risk assessments.
**SECTION III: PROJECT DETAILS AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

**Purpose:** This section is free-form and should provide detailed information regarding each proposed project that will be implemented using RCPGP funds.

**Section Structure:**
For each project proposed, provide a Project Details and Project Management section. At a minimum, this section should cover the following topics. Additional details can be found in the Instructions section of this document, as noted in parentheses below.

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Project Details

Project Name: Regional All-Hazards Risk Assessment
Project Number: Project 1 of 3
Estimate Project Cost: $300,000 ($282,000 - Planning and $18,000 - M&A)
Cost Share: $75,000 in kind cost share
Start Date: 3/01/2010
End Date: 9/01/2010

Project Scope Statement:
Develop a Regional All-Hazards Risk Assessment
- Identify, collect and review existing risk assessments
- Identify gaps in existing risk assessments
- Design a regional all-hazards risk assessment
- Conduct regional all-hazards risk assessment
- Finalize regional all-hazards risk assessment report

How Specified Requirements will be fulfilled:
Working with the risk assessments that were completed with FY08 RCPGP funding the RCPT will complete a regional all hazards risk assessment. The RCPT needs to have a better understanding of the risks posed to the Region. The following functions of assessing risk need to be performed: 1) identify, characterize, and assess threats, 2) assess vulnerability, and 3) estimate consequence. The results of the risk assessment will drive future planning efforts by allowing for risk-based enhancement and development of capabilities. This project will improve the region’s catastrophic incident preparedness planning for all threat and hazards because our assessment will be completed and available to aid in our planning.

Coordination with Applicable Entities:
The RCPT will establish a working group formed of federal, state, local and tribal authorities that will also include private sector membership.

Project Management

Key Milestones:
- Identify, collect and review existing risk assessments (3/1/10 – 3/15/10)
- Identify gaps in existing risk assessments (3/16/10 – 4/16/10)
- Design a regional all-hazards risk assessment (4/17/10 – 5/1/10)
- Conduct regional all-hazards risk assessment (5/2/10 – 5/20/10)
- Develop draft regional all-hazards risk assessment (5/20/10 – 7/20/10)
- Review of draft assessment by regional stakeholders 7/21/10 – 8/10/10
- Incorporate edits from regional stakeholders (8/11/10 - 8/25/10)
- Finalize regional all-hazards risk assessment (8/25/10 – 9/1/10)

Project Leadership & Key Resources
The RCPT will establish a risk assessment working group to oversee, direct and manage the scope of work needing to be accomplished. The working group will be comprised of local, state
and federal law enforcement, as well as other public safety representatives and owners of public/private critical infrastructure.

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<td>Access to Previous Assessments</td>
<td>Medium</td>
<td>High</td>
<td>Mitigate: RCPT will work with stakeholders so they understand the importance of sharing their assessments</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Achieving Consensus</td>
<td>Medium</td>
<td>Medium</td>
<td>Mitigate: RCPT will formalize process to account for and weight different views</td>
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Project Details

Project Name: Regional Disaster Housing Plan
Project Number: Project 2 of 3
Estimate Project Cost: $500,000 ($470,000 – Planning, $30,000 - M&A)
Cost Share: $125,000 in kind cost share
Start Date: 3/01/2010
End Date: 6/30/2011

Project Scope Statement:
Form a Regional Disaster Housing Task Force and Develop a Regional Disaster Housing Plan
- Establish Regional Disaster Housing Task Force
- Identify best practices/lessons learned in disaster housing from other jurisdictions
- Develop Regional Disaster Housing Plan
- Develop localized Disaster Housing Plan template

How Specified Requirements will be fulfilled:
The Regional Disaster Housing Plan will look to establish a regional disaster housing task force, will find and link available housing resources across the region, and will employ innovative forms of interim housing. This project will address many of the FY09 RCPGP priorities. The RCPT will follow CPG 101 guidance and will coordinate the integration of planning and the synchronization of plans, and the RCPT will share best practices from this project to support a robust national planning community.

Coordination with Applicable Entities:
The RCPT will establish the regional disaster housing task force and ensure that there is representation from federal, state, local, tribal, private sector and nonprofit organizations.

Project Management

Key Milestones:
- Develop Regional Disaster Housing Plan and Local Template (7/1/2010 – 12/1/2010)

Project Leadership & Key Resources
The RCPT, with support from MOEP will establish the regional disaster housing task force, develops and finalizes the project scope of work and ensures that the newly established regional disaster housing task force completes/achieves the milestones outlined for this project. The task force will be responsible for managing the planning tasks, will collect the region’s plans and will ensure that the deliverables are met according to the approved project timeline. The task force will also be responsible for mitigating any issues that occur during this project and will bring any unresolved issues to the RCPT.

Risk Identification and Risk Management Chart for Regional Disaster Housing Plan
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<td>Task Force Involvement</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Delayed Decisions</td>
<td>High</td>
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<td>Mitigate: RCPT will establish protocol for project-related decision making</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Limits to disaster housing options</td>
<td>High</td>
<td>Medium</td>
<td>Accept: It is understood that there are limitations to housing options across the region.</td>
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Project Details

Project Name: Commodities Distribution Plan and Pre-Positioning of Critical Emergency Supplies
Project Number: Project 3 of 3
Estimate Project Cost: $620,875 ($583,623 – Planning, $37,252 - M&A)
Cost Share: $155,218 in kind cost share
Start Date: 3/01/2010
End Date: 6/30/2011

Project Scope Statement:
The RCPT will develop a Commodities Distribution Plan
- Identify best practices/lessons learned in commodities distribution
- Develop Commodities Distribution Plan and localized template
- Procurement and pre-positioning of critical emergency supplies

How Specified Requirements will be fulfilled:
The commodities distribution plan and pre-positioning of critical emergency supplies will address the ordering, receiving and distribution of mass commodities provided to the Region during times of major crisis. Specifically, the Commodities Distribution Plan will assess where commodity staging currently exists and additional opportunities for staging areas, will evaluate existing commodities distribution plans and create a regional plan and a local template. The planning effort will address what emergency supplies are on hand and where the region has gaps, what supplies should be procured to address the gaps, and where these supplies should be pre-positioned in the Region. This project addresses the FY09 priority of a plan for the pre-positioning of needed commodities and equipment.

Coordination with Applicable Entities:
The RCPT will establish a working group formed of Federal, State, Local and Tribal emergency management officials and other public safety authorities. In addition, the working group will include private sector and nonprofit members with experience and or resources to support the mission.

Project Management

Key Milestones:
- Determine Staff, Supply, and Equipment Sources (9/1/2010 – 3/1/2011)

Project Leadership & Key Resources
The RCPT, with support from MOEP will establish the working group, develop and finalize the project scope of work, and ensure that the newly established working group
completes/achieves the milestones outlined for this project. The working group will be responsible for managing the planning tasks, will collect the region’s plans and will ensure that the deliverables are met according to the approved project timeline. The working group will also be responsible for mitigating any issues that occur during this project and will bring any unresolved issues to the RCPT.

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<td>2</td>
<td>Coordination of many stakeholders</td>
<td>High</td>
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<td>Mitigate: Creation of structured process and effective meeting facilitation</td>
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