

# ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION AGENDA

May 8, 2012

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1. **Approval of the 2012 Statewide Emergency Shelter Plan submitted by the Division of Emergency Management.**

Pursuant to Sections 1013.372(2) and 252.385(2)(b), Florida Statutes, by January 31 of each even-numbered year, the Division of Emergency Management shall prepare and submit a statewide emergency shelter plan (“Plan”) to the Governor and the Cabinet for approval. The Plan must identify the general location and square footage of existing shelters, by regional planning council region, and the general location and square footage of needed shelters, by regional planning council region, during the next five years. Additionally, the Plan must identify the types of public facilities that should be constructed to comply with emergency-shelter criteria and must recommend an appropriate and available source of funding for the additional cost of constructing emergency shelters within these public facilities. Highlights of the 2012 Statewide Emergency Shelter Plan are as follows:

- Florida has made significant strides in reducing its deficit of “safe” public hurricane shelter space over the past 12 years. In the aggregate, the statewide deficit of general population public hurricane shelter space has been eliminated. However, there are still deficits in special needs public hurricane shelter space.
- A combination of hurricane shelter surveys, retrofitting of existing schools and public facilities, and the use of enhanced hurricane-resistant construction for new schools and public facilities has been used to create an estimated 939,395 spaces.
- Approximately 51% of the spaces were created through new public schools being designed and constructed to meet the Department of Education’s Public Shelter Design Criteria (a.k.a., Enhanced Hurricane Protection Area or EHPA).
- With both general population and special needs shelters combined, 37 counties can now demonstrate a surplus of public hurricane shelter space. The counties with current year surpluses include: Bay, Bradford, Brevard, Broward, Escambia, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Hardee, Hendry, Hernando, Hillsborough, Holmes, Indian River, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Manatee, Martin, Miami-Dade, Okaloosa, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Polk, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Santa Rosa, Seminole, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Walton, and Washington.

- Also, eight regions can demonstrate a surplus of general population public hurricane evacuation shelter space. Regional Planning Council regions 1-West Florida, 2-Apalachee, 3-North Central Florida, 6-East Central Florida, 7-Central Florida, 8-Tampa Bay, 10-Treasure Coast and 11-South Florida have a surplus for 2012.
- Though the statewide public hurricane shelter space deficit has been eliminated in the aggregate, there are still three regions that have deficits of general population public hurricane shelter space, and seven regions with deficits of special needs public hurricane shelter space. The Southwest Florida region will likely remain in deficit due to storm surge vulnerability and the limited availability of suitable existing or new construction alternatives.

Upon the request of the Secretary, the Department of Education conducted a review of the 2012 Statewide Emergency Shelter Plan and submitted a comment letter on April 11, 2012, recommending that the Commission approve the Plan.

A comparison table is provided that highlights the key points of the 2010 and 2012 Statewide Emergency Shelter Plans.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Approve the 2012 Statewide Emergency Shelter Plan.

**Back-Up**

2012 Statewide Emergency Shelter Plan. (Previously distributed to each Cabinet Office.)

Department of Education comment letter received on April 11, 2012.

Comparison Table of the Key Points of the 2010 and 2012 Statewide Emergency Shelter Plans.