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ULL disaster mitigation draft released

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LAFAYETTE — The first draft of the University of Louisiana at



Lafayette's plan to mitigate the potential impact of disasters is available for viewing and public comment.

The working draft identifies 13 potential hazards that could affect the main campus and its properties and details on how such disasters could be mitigated.

For example, to address flooding, one of the 13 hazards identified, flood control systems or public works projects could be implemented, said Ramesh Kolluru, director of the National Incident Management Systems and Advanced Technologies Institute.

The institute has taken the lead in the development of the plan made possible by a \$157,000 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Disaster Resistant University program. The grant has also enabled the university to partner with disaster preparedness and mitigation consultant firm, James Lee Witt Associates for its technical assistance.

The other 12 potential hazards included in the plan are drought; extreme temperatures, both cold and heat; hazardous materials release from a fixed site and by transportation; high winds caused by hurricane and tornado; thunderstorms, including wind, hail and lightning damage; acts of violence, transportation incidents; terrorism; and communicable diseases.

The Disaster Resistant University program helps campuses develop comprehensive plans to assess potential risks to property and life and identify projects that could reduce those risks from both natural and man-made disasters.

The plan has been months in the making and has also incorporated public input from meetings held in April and June.

"The next step is looking at how to mitigate infrastructures and buildings across campus," Kolluru said. "As we develop that list of mitigation projects, we'll prioritize and identify federal funding."

One project is a 3-D, interactive model of the campus that will enable university officials to pinpoint the number of people in any given room on campus.

The model is about 80 percent complete, Kolluru said.

"For example, if chemical incident in a lab — we would be able to identify who in building may be impacted and what do we do in managing that event," Kolluru said.

The model will be integrated with another plan the university will begin soon that focuses on emergency management, he said. That plan will be developed with the assistance of a

servers.

Another public meeting is scheduled on Nov. 18.

The plan is available for public viewing on campus at the Edith Garland Dupré Library, 400 E. St. Mary Blvd. until Aug. 13.

Requests may be made at the library front desk.

Space for public comment is available within the plan's folder and comments may also be e-mailed to: Melissa Axley at maxley@wittassociates.com.

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