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## **US&R GENERAL MEMORANDUM – 2017-065a**

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**FOR:** National Urban Search & Rescue Response System  
Task Force Representatives

**FROM:** Wanda Casey, Section Chief  
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**SUBJECT:** US&R General Memorandum 2017-065a (Revised) – Advisory Organization –  
Solicitation of Members for Ad Hoc Group – Search Data Analytics

**This revision includes the FEMA National US&R Response System Advisory Organization Application instead of the template resume.**

This General Memorandum is issued to solicit National Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Response System (the System) members for participation in a Search Data Analytics Ad Hoc Group. Minimum search data collection standards were established by the Search Information Standardization Ad Hoc. The focus of this group will be to:

- Validate US&R System critical information requirements that support decision-making
- Evaluate and recommend mobile data collection technology to track SAR personnel, summarize search data, monitor weather, share geographic products, calculate and assign search areas, track resource availability and support emergency messaging. Solutions should function in connected and austere environments and disseminate, share, and secure such information in near real time in a Common Operating Picture.
- Coordinate with Communications and Search Subgroups and others as appropriate to ensure existing communications capabilities can support the requirements and make recommendations for cache quantity or equipment additions, if needed.

Per Annex A of the *Administrative Manual – National US&R Response System Advisory Organization, Section 3-2: Within 15 calendar days, each TFR-D will poll their Division's task forces for the names of potential members based on Sponsoring Agency support, time commitment, and the skills necessary to meet the intended Ad Hoc Group's requirement.* However, using the updated process that has been implemented, the application process will now be conducted on line. All potential members should complete an application to be submitted through the provided link: [Search Data Analytics Ad Hoc Application Submission](#) by **July 21, 2017** (see attachment for **FEMA National US&R Response System Advisory Organization Application**).

Within seven calendar days after the application closing date, the Advisory Group Chair will conduct a call to review the consolidated list with the Advisory Group. Applications will be reviewed specifically to evaluate the proposed member's experience with the US&R planning process, situation reporting, search operation data reporting and documentation. Based on the

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intended Ad Hoc Group's requirements, the resulting final list developed for submission to the US&R Branch Chief will be prioritized to reflect the Advisory Group's recommendations.

Any questions related to this solicitation process should be directed to the appropriate TFR-D.

Attachment:

FEMA National US&R Response System Advisory Organization Application

cc:

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