



#### DISASTER RECOVERY PLANNING

from *George Mentz, JD, MBA, CWM®, MPM®, QFP*



*As a business person affected by Hurricane Katrina, there are many lessons learned that most people around the world discover during their lifetimes. The first is that survival is a priority, and you must take care of yourself and family first. If you endure a national disaster, you can always rise up again if you work hard.*

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#### An Important Need to Know on FEMA assistance



## FEMA

For our fellow MPM members who have themselves, family or friends impacted by recent hurricane disasters here is an informative link on eligibility and how to apply for individual federal assistance.

<https://www.fema.gov/apply-assistance>

DAIP was created in response to improve survivor access to disaster information and makes applying for disaster assistance easier. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), under the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), acts as the managing partner.

#### Editor's Notes :

by Michele Guttenberger, MPM®  
**SUMMER OF 2017- PROJECTS OF MARVEL & EXTREME CHALLENGES**

Mid-July brought a US presidential celebration of a long-awaited milestone. We welcomed the aircraft carrier Gerald R. Ford into the fleet at the Norfolk Naval Station. It is a first-in-class ship to lead a new generation of American sea power. This celebration was long overdue by a few years. The Navy and Newport News Shipbuilding faced numerous technical problems and delays to undertake this complex \$12.9 billion ship construction project. On Aug. 11, 2005, shipyard workers cut the first steel on a 15-ton plate marking its official start date but, it entirely underestimated the completion date set for 2015. Not fully realized was the scope of the project which was integrating a new technology with a minimum of 23 new and modified systems in comparison to the Nimitz-class carriers.

Late August NASA and many of us in the United States eagerly anticipated a rare astronomical event. On Monday, Aug. 21, 2017, the US witnessed a total solar eclipse that crossed the entire country that hadn't been seen since 1918. NASA executed an expansive communication program on safe eclipse viewing which enabled many U.S. community centers, and citizen science projects to develop their own viewing tools. The first eclipse knowledge presentations took place on Dec. 14, 2016 at the American Geophysical Union's Fall Meeting in San Francisco. Scientists from NASA, the University of Texas Arlington and the University of Hawaii presented an overview of the 2017 total solar eclipse.

The conclusion of the Summer of 2017 brought unprecedented hurricanes. Places in Texas, Florida, the Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico experienced nature's fury. The survivors will become quick learners on disaster recovery to bring their life back to normal. So many will become project managers of major reconstruction projects called home. Now more than ever, the MPM certification will be a credential that fills a big demand for the months and year ahead.

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