

OACUBO Conference – Wednesday, November 4, 2020, 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Emergency response and recovery from State and Federal officials associated with a host of COVID related issues. Disruption of supply chains, State and Federal programs that will help protect and equip educational institutions.

What Will You Learn:

- Participants will be exposed to FEMA's role in working with universities to address COVID-19 issues. Topics will include applying for and receiving FEMA Public Assistance and related work eligibility. Presenters will discuss the do's and don'ts associated with procurement and documentation for FEMA reimbursements.

Who Should Attend:

- Vice Presidents, AVP's & Managers for Administration
- Procurement & Supply Chain administrators
- Business Officers

Course Information:

- Prerequisites: None
- Advanced Preparation: None
- Level: Beginner/Intermediate
- Type: Group internet-based training
- Length: 50 minutes

Meet The Presenter: Bio's attached

CPE Information:

- Estimated 1 CPE
- Field of Study: Industry/Government
- Note: Each person must register individually to earn CPEs

Alden Graybill – Bio. Recovery Programs Director, Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security



Alden Graybill serves as the Recovery Programs Director for the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. The division he leads is comprised of the FEMA disaster grant programs Public Assistance and Individual Assistance in addition to the Hazard Mitigation Grant program. Alden also serves as the State Coordinating Officer and Alternate Governor's Authorized Representative for all open FEMA disasters for the State of Oklahoma including the latest declaration for the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Alden started his career in Emergency Management more than 13 years ago as an intern for the Stillwater Department of Emergency Management while completing his degree in political science with a minor in emergency management from Oklahoma State University. Alden is currently attending the University of Central Oklahoma pursuing a master's in public administration with a certificate in Emergency Management. While working at ODEMHS, he has served in numerous response and recovery roles in over 70 major disasters and fire management assistance grants.

Traci L. Brasher – Bio. Recovery Division Director, FEMA Region 6



Traci received her Associates degree in Business Administration and bachelor's degree in Occupational Education from Wayland Baptist University. She then went on to receive a master's degree in Education and Human Development from George Washington University. In addition, Traci received a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in Organizational Development from Northcentral University in 2010 where she was an active member in Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education. Traci completed the necessary coursework and comprehensive exam to become a Doctoral Candidate at Northcentral University.

Traci began her career in emergency management in 1993 with the U.S. Department of Energy nuclear weapons facility in Amarillo, Texas where she was instrumental toward the development and readiness of the Emergency Operations Center. In 2000, she was recruited and relocated to the U.S. Department of Energy Headquarters office in Washington D.C. where she led the field site no-notice exercise program and implemented an emergency management metrics program. Following 9/11, Traci served in a liaison capacity as a National Emergency Management Team member in support of Continuity of Operations.

In 2003, Traci received the designation of Certified Emergency Manager by the International Association of Emergency Managers. Additionally, in 2003, Traci received an appointment to the U.S. House of Representatives, Office of Emergency Planning, Preparedness, and Operations where she was instrumental in the development of a new Emergency Preparedness Training and Outreach Program. In 2007, Traci was named the Director of Emergency Preparedness for the U.S. House of Representatives where she successfully administered a comprehensive emergency preparedness program for Member of Congress, over 12,000 staff, and up to two million visitors per year. Traci was awarded the prestigious **Employee Excellence** Award in September 2011, for her dedication to the mission, regularly going above and beyond the call of duty, and for always demonstrating a superior attitude and demeanor in her service to the U. S. House of Representatives.

In 2014, Traci accepted a position with the Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), as the State Coordinator for Recovery, Mitigation, and Standards

Services, and relocated to Austin. In this position, Traci led Individual Assistance, funds management in the managing and monitoring of program budgets for disaster grants under Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation, contractor services to include contracts in excess of \$42 million, and Engineering to include engineers and architects that conducted site assessments, preliminary damage assessments, and peer reviews.

In 2015, Traci became the first State Coordinator for Human Services under the Response Division where she was the Human Services Branch Director in the State Operations Center where she coordinated with over 16 state agencies and voluntary organizations in both response and recovery. In this position, Traci oversaw Mass Care and Sheltering for the state of Texas and Voluntary Agency Liaison activities in the coordination of volunteer and donations management, long term recovery and unmet needs. In May 2015, Texas had the first flooding of the year and received a Major Disaster Declaration where Traci was the Human Services/Individual Assistance Branch Director in the Joint Field Office. Following that disaster, Texas continued to experience severe weather and received an addition five Major Disaster Declarations into 2016. Traci was appointed the Deputy State Coordinating Officer for four of those disasters.

In September 2016, Traci became the Acting Supervisory Program Director for Recovery, Mitigation, and Standards where she oversaw Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation in addition to Human Services. Traci was also appointed the Acting State Hazard Mitigation Officer. In this position, Traci focused on leading change through a re-organization, implementation of workflows, and standard operating procedures for the continued implementation of a grants management system.

In January 2017, Traci became the Recovery Division Director for FEMA Region 6 and relocated to the Denton area. Traci also served as the Deputy Federal Coordinating Officer for Hurricane Harvey recovery and Federal Coordinating Officer for disasters in OK and LA. From January - October 2020, Traci was the Acting Public Assistance Director for FEMA HQ Recovery Directorate where she conducted extensive stakeholder engagement with Regions and Federal partners to preside over the design and implementation of groundbreaking interim PA policies and guidance to address the unique needs and challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.