TEXAS A&M TASK FORCE ONE
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

INCIDENT SUPPORT TEAM (IST) APPLICATION

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1.00 PURPOSE

1.01   The purpose of this standard is to establish the criteria for the members of Texas A&M Task Force 1 (TX-TF1) personnel to apply for a position on the FEMA Incident Support Team (IST). All Task Force members should fully understand this policy.

2.00 OBJECTIVE

2.01   The purpose of the IST Application Policy is to provide information and guidance to Task Force members wishing to apply for a position on the FEMA IST.

3.00 DEFINITIONS

3.01   **Agency:** Texas A&M Engineering Extension System (TEEX)

3.02   **POCs:** Point of Contact for Participating Agencies

3.03   **Members:** Rostered, Development Team Members or applicants of TX-TF1

3.04   **IST:** Incident Support Team

4.0 GENERAL GUIDELINES

4.01   In addition to the 28 individual US&R Task Forces, the FEMA System has three rostered Incident Support Teams (IST). An IST provides a group of highly qualified specialists readily available for rapid assembly and deployment to a disaster area to manage and support deployed system Task Forces. They also furnish federal, state, and local officials with technical assistance in acquiring, coordinating, and using US&R resources.

4.02   From time to time, Task Force members are encouraged to apply for a position on an IST to fill vacancies. TX-TF1 members should utilize the directions provided in the FEMA US&R Program Directive 2011-005 when applying for a position on an IST. The Program Directive can be found at www.usarcd.org

4.03   Members wishing to apply for an open IST position must request permission through the task force program office from the Program Director/ Operation Chief prior to making application. Permission may not be granted if the requesting member does not meet the qualifications for the position they wish to apply for, the member is not in good standing or if the members participation would put undue burden on the task force rostering a team for deployment with the member being absent.