

Dear Private Sector,

With Inclusiveness in Disaster Planning being so critically important at FEMA, all of us continue to work hard at meeting the needs of those who are deaf, late-deafened, hard of hearing and deaf/blind. Whether its conferences, workshops, work group meetings or informal brainstorming sessions, we're all looking for innovative ways to deliver important information and services to these underserved populations.

CEPIN (Community Emergency Preparedness Information Network), part of the non-profit TDI (Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc.) delivers accessible emergency preparedness training to the emergency responder and consumer communities. We are rolling out a new program, "**Fire Prevention and Safety for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf/Blind**" to coincide with the **Fire Prevention and Safety Grants for 2010 (FP&S)** submissions.

This workshop combines information about accessible smoke detector distribution programs with fire safety guidance directed specifically at the deaf, hard of hearing and deaf/blind communities. It is these combinations of outreach, training and device distribution that can make FP & S grant submissions eligible for additional consideration by FEMA.

You can see more information about this exciting new program at <http://www.cepintdi.org/firegrant2010>.