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CDEM Conference 2007

1. Purpose

To update the Wellington Region Civil Defence Emergency Management Co-ordinating Executive Group (CEG) on the progress of the 2007 Emergency Management Conference.

2. Background

Two Civil Defence conferences (one for the North Island and one for the South Island) are held on an annual basis in New Zealand.

The North Island Conference is hosted on a rotational basis and it is Wellington's turn to host the two-day conference in 2007.

The '2007 Emergency Management Conference' brings together the annual North Island Emergency Management Conference and the annual Institution of Fire Engineers Conference (hosted by the New Zealand Branch). The conference planning committee consists of representatives from both sectors.

3. Conference Planning

3.1 Conference Dates and Venue

The confirmed conference dates are 4 ~~and~~ 5 October 2007. The venue will be the Convention Centre, Wellington.

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3.2 Conference Programme

The conference theme is 'Keeping Pace: Technology and Modern Emergency Management'.

3.3 Conference Attendance

Conference attendance will be wider than the more traditional North Island Emergency Management Conference. It will encompass the variety of

organisations and roles within Emergency Management. Controllers, recovery managers, lifeline co-ordinators, emergency services, health agencies, government agencies and the business sector have all been targeted as potential attendees.

It is expected that between 250 and 300 delegates will attend the conference.

3.4 Conference Budget

The current conference budget is \$180,000 and sponsorship has been secured with a number of organisations. No budgetary shortfalls are expected.

4. Conclusion

World-wide statistics from the last decade show a noticeable increase in the number and severity of natural and man-made disasters occurring. It also shows a sharp increase of impacts on human life.

It is getting more difficult to effectively manage such events without competent personnel and appropriate systems and tools.

The '2007 Emergency Management Conference' specifically highlights the use of modern technology in the management of emergencies.

This conference provides an opportunity for delegates, speakers and exhibitors to get to know each other better and to learn from each other.

5. Recommendations

That the CEG:

1. *receives the report; and*
2. *notes the contents.*

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