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## Thank you to our Annual Convention Sponsors

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[Registration for our 2020 Annual Convention is now open](#). We will bring you elements of our traditional annual convention virtually via Zoom meetings and webinars October 6-8. We are excited to bring you several keynote speakers and panels, as well as the opportunity to vote on leadership positions and our 2021 Policies and Projects. We will also honor the very best of PNWA, plus our 2020 Legislator of the Year.

Registration is free and open to PNWA members, partner agency staff members, and elected officials and their staffs.

*We would like to thank our latest 2020 Annual Convention sponsor for their support:*

### **Bronze Sponsor**

Columbia River Bar Pilots

*Additional sponsorship opportunities are available at the [Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze levels](#). Request a sponsorship when you register for the convention, or contact [Randi Besser](#) [by email](#) or at 503-234-8550 for more details.*

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## TODAY at noon: COVID-19 recovery roundtable: What will it take to pass a new coronavirus relief bill?

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Join the Portland Business Alliance and their partners TODAY, Wednesday, August 26 at noon, for their COVID-19 Recovery Roundtable focusing on the new potential COVID-19 relief bill. This webinar will explore the sticking-points, as well as areas of consensus, and project what a

[Register here](#)

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## FEMA offers virtual dam break consequences and assessment workshop

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**FEMA Virtual Workshop**  
**DSS-WISE Lite – Rapid Dam Break Flood and Consequence Assessment**  
**Tuesday, September 29, 2020**  
**9:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. EDT**



**FEMA**

Whether you are responsible for preparing dam breach mapping, preparing dam safety emergency action plans, identifying critical infrastructure at risk prior to dam incidents, assessing flood risk during incidents, or preparing evacuation plans, the Decision Support System for Water Infrastructural Security (DSS-WISE) Lite tool will give you a cost-effective means of improving public awareness and safety.

This workshop, offered by FEMA, instructs dam safety professionals, dam safety regulators, community officials and emergency managers how to rapidly identify the potential flood hazard areas downstream of dams. Content in the workshop also addresses why it is important to evaluate the consequences of potential dam releases or failures, what steps can be taken before a dam failure incident to mitigate flood risk and manage the risk that remains.

Please register for the workshop at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-dss-wise-lite-rapid-dam-break-flood-and-consequence-assessment-tickets-115403034583>

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## Join FEMA in September for National Preparedness Month

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Next week kicks off [National Preparedness Month](#). FEMA is providing Weekly Themes, informative links, relevant messages, and graphics on how you, your team, and/or organization can participate throughout the month. Feel free to forward to your Communications team to amplify the messages, as is or tailored for your organizational needs.

Is your organization participating in National Preparedness Month? [Let](#)



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