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OKI Honored for Collaborative Emergency Management System

Cincinnati, Ohio – The Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) Board President and Clermont County Commissioner Edwin Humphrey announced today that OKI GIS Division Manager David Shuey has received The Alliance for Chemical Safety 2011 Risk Communication Award.

Mr. Shuey was nominated for the Alliance 2011 Award for his work on the development of the Regional Emergency Operation Center, OKI, Geographic Information System, Regional Emergency Mapping System (ROGREMS).

“This recognition illustrates the terrific work being done at OKI and is a tribute to the success that can occur when experts work collaboratively to address potential risks,” said Humphrey. “The system is a critical tool that will enhance the region’s safety and save lives in the event of a large scale emergency.”

ROGREMS identifies local critical resources and infrastructure such as schools, hospitals, chemical storage units, and police and fire stations to allow emergency personnel to respond efficiently in the event of a catastrophic situation. ROGREMS also provides live feeds around emergency scenes which are helpful in determining evacuation capacities and routes.

Mr. Shuey led the development of the GIS-based mapping program that provides emergency responders the ability to visualize real scenarios involving weather patterns, flood plains and chemical plume reactions. It is integrated with region-wide camera networks and has the ability to compile data for the public via Twitter feeds other mediums.

“The shared vision of the collective agencies involved with the development of ROGREMS is truly exceptional,” said OKI Executive Director Mark Policinski. “OKI is honored that the work of Mr. Shuey has been duly recognized.”

The development of ROGREMS was a collaboration between OKI, the city of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. All of these entities are part of the Greater Cincinnati Urban Area Security Initiative (the 12 county homeland security region).

The Alliance for Chemical Safety is a non-profit group of Greater Cincinnati industries, government agencies, emergency responders, social service organizations and interested citizens who promote public understanding and involvement in chemical risk management.

OKI is a council of local governments, business organizations and community groups committed to developing collaborative strategies, plans and programs to improve the quality of life and economic development potential of the Tri-State.

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