

## 2022 National CERT Conference Update – July 11, 2022

### It's Almost Here!

We are just over 5 weeks away from the 2022 National CERT Conference. The 2022 National CERT Conference is Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> (pre-conference starts Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>) in Galveston Texas. FEMA released their quarterly ICPD newsletter on July 7<sup>th</sup> which includes a write up on the conference. You can read the ICPD article here: [2022 National CERT Conference](#).

On Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, FEMA Region 6 hosted a lunch and learn webinar session that featured the 2022 National CERT Conference. This 30-minute presentation gives a quick overview of the conference and includes a Q & A session at the end. You can view the webinar recording here: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pbs14ng1ilt4/>.

On Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, there will be another webinar where we will take a deep dive into the 2022 National CERT conference. We will explore everything that is happening at the conference so far and get feedback from participants about some final details. This webinar is scheduled for Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10am to 12pm pacific, 1pm to 3pm eastern.

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## 2022 National CERT Awards

The National CERT Awards recognizes outstanding achievement and contribution by an individual or program to their community and/or the nation. The National CERT Association (NCA) has a Memorandum of Agreement with FEMA's Individual and Community Preparedness Division (ICPD) to hold National CERT Awards.

This year, the 2022 National CERT Awards Ceremony will be held during the National CERT Conference on Thursday, August 18. Award winners do not need to attend the National CERT Conference to win. Winners who cannot attend the conference in person will be able to join the event via Zoom.

This is the first year that the National CERT Association will be holding the awards. Due to the pandemic, many programs and individuals may not have been active over the past few years. To account for this, and to recognize the great work that was done before and during the pandemic, the 2022 National CERT Awards will recognize activity and contributions between January 2019 through December 2021.

The 2022 National CERT Awards will include the following categories:

- **Volunteer of the Year** — to be awarded to a CERT volunteer for outstanding service and dedication to their CERT program and/or community
- **CERT Leader of Year** — to be awarded to an individual for outstanding leadership for their CERT program or the CERT program as a whole
- **CERT Program of the Year** — to be awarded to a CERT program for outstanding impact in community preparedness, resiliency, and/or disaster response
- **Best CERT Innovation** — to be awarded to the program or individual that has made the most outstanding and/or influential CERT related innovation

Nominations for the 2022 National CERT Awards can be made here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022CERTAwards>

We will make the National CERT Awards available via zoom for participation. The information for the zoom will be shared at a later date. Sign up for the conference email list to receive information about this when it is available:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022NationalCERTConferenceEmailList>.

## Discounted Tickets for Volunteers

Volunteers who are covering their own costs to attend the 2022 National CERT Conference can still request a discounted ticket at \$225 (before taxes and fees). To request a discounted ticket, complete this quick survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VSYTFPT>

