

**Wednesday, March 20, 2013**

**Workshop Session 4**

Time of Session: 3:30-5:00PM

Session Title: Building Assessment Strategies & Planning

A. Ensuring the Safety of our Institutions of Higher Learning

Speakers: **Deborah Mills** and **Jane Sibley Frantz**,  
Dewberry Consultants, LLC

B. Field Planning and Data Collection Practices for Conducting  
Detailed Natural Hazard Vulnerability Assessments of Campus  
Structures

Speakers: **Shandy Ogea** and **Carol Friedland**, Louisiana  
State University

Room: 257

Note Taker: Erin Merrick

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#### **Ensuring the safety of our institutions of higher learning: Deborah Mills; Dewberry Consultants**

- Former Virginia EOP, now with Dewberry
- They've done 8 DRUs in Virginia and have started on the 9<sup>th</sup>
- Virginia snow one day; melts the next: they have ice & snow storms and flood events
- James Lee Witt conceptualized the DRU
- Most important part of hazard mitigation definition: the continuity of societal functions
- Everything changed for Virginia in 2007
- Virginia has all types of disasters: derecho (straight line wind storm), tornadoes, wild fires, hurricanes, earthquakes...
- For the DRUs it's important to think about the cost of business interruption
- Steering committees: too many "regulars," it's important to have open & transparent committees, also very important to include the IT departments in the process
- Capability assessment can come from capitol improvement budgets – have them in your steering committee
- UVA is a world heritage site; one of few in the US
- No need to duplicate efforts; roll assessments into other university plans
- Medical facilities on campus – often not on committees but they're exposure to risks can have staggering negative effects (think bio-chemical exposures)

#### Questions:

- Is anyone working on backup energy options other than gasoline options?
- (A) There needs to be broader redundancy; wind solar, etc.