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From Connecticut's perspective as a state level user, we appreciate the structured framework FEMA provides for capability assessment and preparedness planning. The use of standardized impacts has greatly improved year-over-year collaboration between partners in determining capabilities, gaps, and general topics of discussion regarding impacts and hazards. We would like to highlight several areas where updates to the THIRA/SPR process and tool would improve accuracy, usability, and value for states.

1) Data entry in the THIRA/SPR is currently required by states, tribes, and current FEMA-funded UASIs only. As a state, we are responsible for the required submission, however the most accurate information about capability gaps and operational capacity resides with local jurisdictions. Most local jurisdictions do not have the bandwidth or capacity to undertake a full THIRA/SPR process however municipal and regional partners manage the day-to-day realities of emergency response and have the clearest understanding of true gaps. Connecticut conducts regular data calls and worksessions by core capability and invites state, local, and regional partners pertinent to that capability, however without a mechanism for structured, direct local input, states must manually collect and interpret this information, which can be inefficient and could reduce accuracy. Connecticut encourages FEMA to consider enabling some form of local or regional data entry or a standardized sub state collection process. Connecticut would recommend keeping the THIRA/SPR requirement for the states, but maybe consider developing a method for optional local/regional data entry that ultimately feeds the state's data entry and can be used as reference for state submission.

2) It is well known that THIRA data does not impact DHS/FEMA annual grant allocations to states and locals through the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) and Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). The data that DHS/FEMA uses currently to determine funding levels is often out of the control of states, especially Emergency Management partners, and based on factors that are not impacted by gaps outlined in the THIRA/SPR process. To improve the efficacy of limited FEMA emergency management/homeland security grant dollars, the gaps and findings from States in the annual THIRA/SPR process should be taken into consideration for future funding allocations.

3) Even with the annual changes to required core capabilities, the THIRA/SPR Unified Reporting Tool (URT) could better support year over year tracking of improvements and investments. While there is a way to compare prior assessments, if the URT could have a real-time data tracking tool to monitor how capability gaps shift over time, or close based on specific investments, the states could have real-time data analytics as we prepare budgets, implement projects, and conduct future THIRA/SPRs. With all of the technology and federal portals, tying the URT to FEMA Go and/or ND Grants etc. would enhance the tool and overall THIRA/SPR process. Prepopulated prior year data, trend visualizations, or structured change tracking would significantly improve states' ability to measure progress, justify investments, and communicate outcomes to stakeholders.

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