

# Regional Logistics Program

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## *A Universal Standard for Disaster Logistics* CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS (CONOPS) PLAN

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**What is the CONOPS Plan?** The Regional Logistics Concept of Operations Plan is a strategic level, all-hazards plan that provides guidance and highlights critical tasks for executives during a catastrophe.

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**How does the CONOPS benefit the Region?** The CONOPS follows the *Universal Logistics Standard* for conducting emergency logistics preparedness, response and recovery operations, and can help guide a coordinated regional logistics response to a catastrophe.

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### What does the CONOPS provide?

The CONOPS provides executive level guidance on the *Universal Logistics Standard*, its core components, strategies, and supporting tools. The majority of documents generated within the Regional Logistics Program are aimed at logisticians in the EOC or in the field, and this strategic-level plan ties together all of the constituent parts. The CONOPS document is intended for use during the **response** phase of a logistics operation and presents three strategies and the associated critical actions and key response tasks required to execute an effective disaster logistics response.

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### How does Regional Coordination take place?

The CONOPS document identifies the need for a mechanism to facilitate regional coordination and communication for logistics operations. The **Regional Emergency Conference Call** is the mechanism established to accomplish this objective:

- ü When the executive level Regional Emergency Conference Call determines that a coordinated, regional logistics response is required, it may direct the convention of a Regional Logistics Committee (RLC) and nominate representatives.
  - ü The RLC provides a virtual forum for emergency management officials, government agencies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) located within and outside the Region to coordinate timing and decision-making strategies before or during an incident requiring a large-scale logistics response.
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### What's next?

- ü The CONOPS Plan is available for download through [www.EmergencyLogistics.org](http://www.EmergencyLogistics.org).
- ü Continue to roll out components of the RLP's Disaster Logistics Training Program, based on the CONOPS Plan, to local, state, and federal partners.