



Dominican Republic PReP Pilot Program A Success

Focus:Aerodom

The Port Resiliency Project (PReP) will prepare airports and seaports in Caribbean and Latin America to be more resilient in face of natural disasters by applying best practices learned in Katrina and Haiti. PReP's focus is on support for essential employees and their families, rapid damage assessment and repair, interagency cooperation, and mutual aid. AmericasRelief Team is the initiator of the project while FedEx is the biggest sponsor along with Miami International Airport, Florida International University, the Port of Miami, AERODOM, American Airlines, and Smith-Woolwine Associates as additional sponsors. PReP uses a three-step process: an initial self-assessment by the airport or seaport; a workshop in Miami to identify gaps and training needs; and a site visit to present targeted training and a table top exercise to assess the preparedness of the airport or seaport.



PReP was tested in a pilot project at Las Americas International Airport, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Phase 1, a self-assessment and document review, occurred in November 2012. Phase 2, an analytical and planning workshop, took place at MIA in December 2012. And Phase 3 was the training and the table top exercise, which was completed in Santo Domingo 5-7 February 2013. The pilot project was successful in that it proved the soundness of the PReP approach and revealed enhancements that should be made to the program before the next airport or seaport is done. The PReP team is grateful to its partners in the Dominican Republic: AERODOM, Las Americas International Airport, American Airlines, Delta Airlines, and the national agencies for air traffic control, emergency response, transportation security, and law enforcement.

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ACI-LAC Endorses PReP Program

Following a presentation by Dr. Teo A. Babun, Jr., CEO of Americas Relief to the Board of Directors held in Miami, Florida on February 8, 2013, ACI-LAC endorsed the work of AmericasRelief Team through their Port Resiliency Program in the Caribbean and Latin America.

About ACI-LAC- Airports Council International Latinamerica and Caribbean

ACI-LAC is the regional office of ACI who represents the interest of airports operators in the Latin-American and Caribbean Region. Founded in 1991, its primary objective is to promote the cooperation among airport members and other industrial partners within the airport and civil aviation. Currently, ACI-LAC has over 65 members operating more than 250 airports in 37 countries of the Latin-American and Caribbean region. Through, this cooperation, the objective of ACI-LAC is to provide support in order to get a secure, stable, efficient and environmental compatible airport system.



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