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Dear Dr. Collins,

Thank you for your letter dated September 15, 2022, concerning the United States Fire Administration's (USFA) involvement in the All-Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT) program development. As you mentioned in your letter, the USFA strategic goals to "build a culture of preparedness in the fire and Emergency Medical Services" and to "ready the nation's fire and Emergency Medical Services for all hazards" are cornerstones to the four stars of the USFA mission. As you know, these cornerstones are driven by legislative mandates and the most prominent needs of the nation's fire and emergency medical services.

Over the last 20 years, USFA has engaged in AHIMT projects using existing staff and resources made available by shifting responsibilities or identifying extra capacity in other projects. USFA provided support for Type-3 Incident management Teams (IMT) through development of performance capabilities and standards projects. USFA also engaged in development of the supporting documents of the 3-Tiered Preparedness System concept and the development and delivery of the R-325 National Tier-Qualifying Exercise. While these efforts have and continue to provide positive contributions, they unfortunately have not been able to establish a sustainable or robust AHIMT program with long-term viability. Therefore, USFA will be sunsetting the AHIMT project efforts while continuing designated training.

I understand and support the ongoing training and development of emergency management professionals and the expansion of response capabilities across the incident management spectrum. USFA will continue to develop and offer the needed training to state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) fire and EMS agencies. The USFA will continue to provide through the National Fire Academy the Type 3 AHIMT O-305 course and other related courses through its curriculum development and delivery system. We will continue to evaluate existing courses and update them as needed to ensure they meet the necessary training and educational criteria. We will continue to deliver AHIMT courses through the USFA SLTT framework. I have encouraged USFA to review options to expand the AHIMT training capabilities in the future in an effort to build more robust AHIMTs.

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USFA will also collaborate with FEMA Field Operations Directorate (FOD) to continue to support the AHIMT community.

Thank you for your passion and ongoing support of the emergency management and emergency response communities.

Sincerely,



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Administrator

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