

**Five Year Strategic Training Plan Workgroup Meeting  
Friday, February 25, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.**

**Public Comments Received Prior to**

Expressed need to strengthen goals 6 and 7 - some of the regions did not feel they had a good grasp on the needs of the other parts of the state.

Desire for increase in on-line or hybrid course delivery, as it could help alleviate scheduling problems, especially for volunteers.

Expressed desire for increased emphasis on getting instructors trained to provide the training where on-line courses will not suffice. Noted frustration of not being able to find or attend Train-the-Trainer classes for a lot of the courses that I could be teaching – as they are typically very hard to come by.

VDEM expressed a desire to work with VFSA and VDFP on goal 10, which is to develop a Pro Board course for NFPA 1600 Standard on Disaster/Emergency Management and Business Continuity Programs. VDEM developed the Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) template for the state and localities. In addition, they are working with the Virginia Information Technology Agency (VITA)(for the IT Security Standards) to revise the COOP templates and guidance with a goal of standardizing terminology and requirements.