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Collaborative Virtual Organizations: Network Design, Development, and Sustainability

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Organizations are restructuring into collaborative systems in order to address complex problems by combining expertise distributed across functions, knowledge specialties, and geographic locations. Often times these systems face complex and multifaceted goals requiring distinct teams of public managers to coordinate their efforts and compile crucial information distributed across a network. This presentation will render an understanding of the requisite motivational, cognitive, and behavioral dynamics that enable virtual organizations (aka networks) to function effectively in preparedness and response to disasters.

Emergency and disaster management requires intergovernmental networks with federal, state and local governmental units in order to share responsibilities, information, expertise, and communication. A better network of public agencies with private and nonprofit sector organizations is critical for the success of disaster preparedness, response, and recovery.

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