

**PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING THE SECTION 106 REVIEW AND THE
DEVELOPMENT OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR THE
REHABILITATION AND HAZARD MITIGATION MEASURES FOR IOWA
MEMORIAL UNION, UNIVERSITY OF IOWA UNDER THE FEMA PUBLIC
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM-SEEKING PUBLIC COMMENT**

The severe storms and flooding in the spring of 2008 damaged many buildings on the University of Iowa campus. In the aftermath of the disaster, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is issuing this public notice as a part of its responsibilities under 36 CFR Part 800, the regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. This notice applies to activities carried out by FEMA's Public Assistance (PA) program implemented under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5152-5207.

The University of Iowa is requesting that FEMA provide funds to rehabilitate the Iowa Memorial Union (IMU) building and to fund hazard mitigation measures intended to reduce the loss of life and property in future flood events. IMU is located on the University of Iowa campus on Madison Street on the west bank of the Iowa River in Iowa City, Johnson County, Iowa. The regulations at 36 CFR Part 800 require FEMA, as the funding agency, to identify if properties are listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places; to assess the effects the proposed projects will have on historic properties; and to seek ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects.

FEMA in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office of the State Historical Society of Iowa has identified that the University of Iowa River Valley Historic District is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. IMU has been determined to be individually eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and is a contributing resource to the eligible historic district. FEMA has also determined the proposed rehabilitation and mitigation project proposed for IMU will result in adverse effects to the historic property and has initiated consultation to seek ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate the adverse effect.

Members of the public are invited to attend a presentation of the proposed recovery project for IMU. Representatives from the University of Iowa, Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division and FEMA will discuss the process of identification and evaluation of the historic properties on the campus, and the assessment and resolution of adverse effects. Any member of the public is encouraged to provide views on how the project may affect historic properties and ways that these effects may be avoided, minimized, or mitigated. Two meetings have been scheduled for Tuesday, August 23, 2011. 11:00am to 1:00pm in Room A at the Iowa City Public Library at 123 South Linn Street, Iowa City, and 6:00pm to 9:00pm in the MacBride Hall Auditorium, University of Iowa, Pentacrest.

Comments may be submitted to FEMA via email at: Fema-ICC-EHP@dhs.gov or by regular mail.

Mailed comments should be sent to:

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