

*Partnerships:
A super quick perspective
from a Texas novice*

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Texas-Utah Consortium for Hazardous Waste Worker Training

- First funded in 2010
- Formal partnership with the University of Utah
- Supplemental funding in 2015
- Formally added the University of Nebraska Medical Center
- Successful relationships along the way

The Perfect Partner

- Commit
- Deliver
- On time
- Well

Excellent Partnerships

Sharon Croissant,
The University of Texas Medical Branch

- February 2014 -
Disaster Research
Response Tabletop
Drill in Houston
- Almost a partner in the
RFA



Excellent Partnerships

John Lowe and Shawn Gibbs

The University of Nebraska Medical Center

- July 2015 – Two sold out sessions of the Fundamentals of Infectious Diseases of Public Health Significance course
- Partnering again in the new RFA



Excellent Partnerships

Steve Frangos (Chevron), Nick Tsourmas (TMIC) and Henry Ryng and Dan Suhr (inXsol)

- Houston Health Forum
- Orthopedics Workshop
- Online awareness level course: *Fundamentals of Infectious Diseases of Public Health Significance*

A Recent Failure

A Local Health Department

- We designed our training with national experts and with the support of the local HD's preparedness program
- About 10 weeks before delivering training in this city, a different HD program expressed anger that they weren't included in "designing" training content
- Anger expressed publically via email
- Refused my invitation for a meeting
- I moved the training to a different city

Lessons Learned

- Notify as many potential collaborators as possible
- Communicate early and often
- Be prepared that someone somewhere may be inconsolably angry
- Grey cloud – I'm hesitant to deliver training in this awesome city ever again
- Silver lining – The workshop was so well received in the second-choice city, it sold out.

Thank you