



Federal Emergency Management Agency

Patricia Stahlschmidt: Director of Strategic Planning and Evaluation

Patricia Stahlschmidt was appointed Director of Strategic Planning and Evaluation for FEMA in June 2001, when the position was created as part of an agency realignment. In this role, Ms. Stahlschmidt leads the development and periodic assessment of the agency's strategic plan, and reviews major policy and program initiatives to ensure they are integrated with the plan. Ms. Stahlschmidt also provides advice and assistance to FEMA Director Joe M. Allbaugh on agency-wide initiatives, and undertakes special projects at his request.

Prior to this position, Ms. Stahlschmidt was director of FEMA's Infrastructure Division within the Response and Recovery Directorate. Her responsibilities included oversight of the Public Assistance Program, the Fire Suppression Assistance Program, and the agency's Historic and Cultural Preservation Program activities.

Ms. Stahlschmidt joined FEMA in 1978 as a floodplain management specialist in the Kansas City, Mo., regional office. In 1984, she accepted a position in the Hazard Mitigation Branch of Disaster Assistance Programs at FEMA headquarters in Washington, D.C.

A native of the Midwest, Ms. Stahlschmidt earned a bachelor's degree in English and American Studies from Southern Illinois University. She also holds a master of science degree in urban and regional planning from Southern Illinois University and a master of science degree in national resource strategy from the National Defense University Industrial College of the Armed Forces, from which she received a distinguished graduate designation.

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