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Accredited Programs of EMAP: we need your help! We are very interested in your realized benefits, process improvements, and return on investment. We know this past year has been tough for all, however we hope being an accredited Program has helped to fine tune your processes and coordination with stakeholders during recent events.

We are asking all accredited Programs to assist us by writing a short article on the benefits and return on investment you've seen as a result of going through the assessment and accreditation process. This information is of great value to us as we continue to share the benefits of the accreditation process and provide anecdotal evidence to future applicant Programs.

We know that Programs see great benefit in utilizing the *Emergency Management Standard*, working through the self-assessment and getting feedback from peers during the on-site assessment; and now we're looking for correlation between your success as a program and your EMAP Accreditation. This could center around how your program works better with stakeholders, how you have incorporated EMAP into your day-to-day operations, or how the process has improved your Program's organization and/or documentation. It can be as simple as what the benefit is and how it has improved since your accreditation.

At EMAP we are constantly looking for way to improve upon our processes and are continually working to finetune a standard which provides benefit to all emergency management programs, regardless of size or scope. Now we want to hear from you so we can share your stories. This article can be as short as a couple paragraphs or as long as a page.

When you are finished, you can send your article to David Liebman, EMAP Assessment Coordinator, at <u>dliebman@emap.org</u>. Please submit all articles by Friday, June 18, 2021. We appreciate your Program's dedication and continued support of EMAP and are excited to see how EMAP accreditation has helped to better your Program.

Respectfully,

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