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Q1

Contact Info

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Q2

Name of CERT Program you are affiliated with

Charlotte County

Q3

Name of Government Agency you are an employee with if applicable

Charlotte County

Q4

Staff for local Emergency Management

Please indicate your current CERT roles (choose all that apply)

Q5

Region IV - Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee

Please indicate your region (where you are physically based)

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Q6

How many years have you been involved with CERT?

7

Q7

Which CERT related courses have you taken (select all that apply)

CERT Basic Training Course,
CERT Train-the-Trainer Course,
Teen CERT Annex for CERT Train-the-Trainer Course,
CERT Program Manager Course

Q8

Briefly describe your CERT experience

Florida CERT Association Board member, CERT Coordinator, Instructor, NCA conference planning team

Q9

Briefly describe a CERT project that you led or were a major part of and how it benefited your CERT program/community

Branding of local CERT organization to build a team from 8 to over 450 active members.

Page 3: Contribution as a NCA Board Member

Q10

Briefly describe how your skills, experience, and currently CERT related activities would be beneficial to the NCA and NCA Leadership team:

Currently helps with the planning and execution of the of the Florida CERT Association

Q11

NCA Board Members are required to lead/participate in NCA committees. Please indicate your level of interest in the following current/future NCA committees

CERT Awards Committee	0 - I am not interested in this committee
CERT Train-the-Trainer and Program Manager Committee Committee	0 - I am not interested in this committee
CERT Volunteer Development and Support Committee	0 - I am not interested in this committee
Communications Committee	0 - I am not interested in this committee
Credentialing Committee	0 - I am not interested in this committee
Elections Committee	0 - I am not interested in this committee
ID Card Committee	0 - I am not interested in this committee
International CERT Committee	0 - I am not interested in this committee
Marketing and Promotion Committee	0 - I am not interested in this committee
Membership Committee	0 - I am not interested in this committee
National CERT Conference Committee	6 - I am interested in leading this committee and have relevant experience in this area
Newsletter Committee	0 - I am not interested in this committee
Social Media Committee	0 - I am not interested in this committee
Training Committee	0 - I am not interested in this committee
Youth Preparedness Committee	0 - I am not interested in this committee

Q12

What are some projects that you think the NCA should be working on/emphasizing to better support CERT programs and how can you help lead this project?

Funding and credentialing

Q13

As a NCA Regional Representative, you are representing CERT programs in your region. Briefly describe your relationship with CERT programs in your region, including your communication channel and how you could represent them accurately.

As the Florida Region 6 representative for the Florida CERT Association I represent those teams and their initiatives and support all state programs throughout the year by providing support from my local CERT and through the FCA.



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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my honor to recommend Ellen Pinder for the National CERT Association Board.

As the Florida State CERT Program Manager, I have had the opportunity to work extensively with Ms. Pinder, for the last five years. We first began working together to support Florida CERT teams across the state through the Florida CERT Association and have continued to partner together throughout the years.

During Hurricane Michael, Ms. Pinder was instrumental in supporting statewide deployments of CERT teams to support the impacted area. Her enthusiastic attitude and willingness to whole heartedly support the mission is evident in all that she does with the CERT programs both locally, and throughout the State of Florida.

During her time as the Florida CERT Association Treasurer, our Association was able to continue to grow due to her passion and desire to professionalize CERT programs across the state. Ms. Pinder is a true champion for CERT and would make an exceptional Board Member. I know her eagerness and energy will extend to the National Level.

I fully endorse and recommend Ms. Pinder without reservations. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Thank you,

Christy Rojas
Volunteer Florida
Emergency Management Director