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## Member Benefits

**Committees/Task Forces - Members** and Partners gather around topical issues and programmatic activities to improve the delivery of services throughout the disaster cycle, and to further create a climate for cooperation. The work of the committees and task forces is supported by National VOAD staff and technology tools.

**Conference - National** VOAD holds an annual national conference in the spring in a different state each year. This is the only time each year when emergency management volunteers and professionals come together from across the country to share best practices, new ideas and develop whole community solutions for building more resilient communities.

**Technical Assistance - National** VOAD staff is available to provide or source technical assistance and support for areas such as strategic planning, operational challenges, incident management coordination, after-action reviews, and capacity building.

**Discounted fees for products and services** - National VOAD works to leverage discounts and saving opportunities offered by many top companies for the benefits of our members.

**Educational opportunities** - Through conferences, workshops, publications, and online tools, National VOAD offers high-quality learning opportunities to its membership.

**Federal Advocacy and Liaison Representation** - National VOAD staff in Washington, D.C. work with FEMA, the Department of Homeland Security, Congress, and other federal agencies on issues of concern throughout the disaster cycle.

**Garnering public and private support** - Through various activities, initiatives and programs, National VOAD encourages the general public and the private sector to support National VOAD members and to make their donations on behalf of those affected by disaster through a trusted organization – a National VOAD Member.

**Incident Response and Recovery Coordination** - In support of our member's work to respond to a disaster or help a community recover, National VOAD helps coordinate and facilitate communication and actions among member organizations, emergency management agencies and other organizations.

**Leveraging collaboration** - Many philanthropic organizations are placing more weight on collaborations when awarding grants. As a member of National VOAD, organizations may wish to site its membership in the grant writing process.

**Members-only areas of the website** - General information about National VOAD is available to anyone. Members, however, are given access to restricted areas of the [www.nvoad.org](http://www.nvoad.org) website where such proprietary information as a membership directory, policy and research papers, publications, surveys, and reports are located.

**National VOAD publications** - National VOAD produces publications and informational pieces important to all organizations active in disaster, including Light our Way, Managing Spontaneous Volunteers, National Mass Care Strategy, and Points of Consensus.

**Peer to peer networking** - National VOAD offers its members numerous opportunities to share and discuss best practices and partner on common issues.