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## **AIC-CERT**

### **American Institute for Conservation—Collections Emergency Response Team**

WASHINGTON, D.C.— The American Institute for Conservation (AIC), the national association of conservation professionals, is offering free emergency response assistance to cultural organizations. Please help make sure that staff members of collecting institutions know to contact AIC-CERT when a disaster—hurricane, flooding, earthquake, fire—has damaged collections.

- Call AIC’s 24-hour assistance number at 202.661.8068 for advice by phone.
- Call 202.661.8068 to arrange for a team to come to the site to complete damage assessments and help with salvage organization.

While on site and as funds last, AIC-CERT members will develop a list of re-housing supplies needed at the site, as well as have them ordered and delivered—at no cost to the institution.

In 2007, AIC received funding from the Institute of Museum & Library Services to support an advanced training program for conservators and other museum professionals that resulted in a force of 60 “rapid responders” trained to assess damage and initiate salvage of cultural collections after a disaster has occurred. They are ready to assist.

Resources and information on disaster recovery and salvage can be found on the AIC website at [www.aic-faic.org](http://www.aic-faic.org). The public can also call AIC-CERT at 202.661.8068.

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