

## **Digital Sandbox to Sponsor Critical Infrastructure Protection Workshop at Upcoming All Hazards Consortium Conference**

**May 1, 2009 McLean, Virginia** – Digital Sandbox, Inc., a leading provider of advanced risk-management software and analysis services, will present new benchmark data for quantitative risk analysis, as well as a concept and system for region-wide preparedness management, at the next All Hazards Consortium (AHC) Workshop, May 4-5 in Wilmington, Delaware. According to Digital Sandbox leadership, its Risk Analysis Center (RAC) meets a critical need to coordinate and standardize region-specific preparation for potential risks from natural disaster and terrorism in the nine-state U.S. Mid-Atlantic region.

Digital Sandbox President and co-founder Anthony Beverina will present results from a new Digital Sandbox study of risk analysis metrics and proxies based on the results of multiple State and UASI risk management engagements. These results establish the first documented benchmarks for effective risk analysis approaches and for the applicability of proxy metrics in making risk management and resource allocation decisions.

The RAC is a centralized resource that establishes consistent risk analysis methods and response techniques, pools data, and facilitates collaboration among local, State, and Federal agencies. Taking advantage of the RAC's existing, shared, web-based infrastructure will help address critical resource and personnel constraints compounding the region's risk analysis and response challenges. The RAC is a cost-effective shared alternative to expensive in-house analytic solutions. It allows agencies to collectively invest in a solution that is ready today to deliver secure automated analytic services, specialized risk management expertise, and essential risk-based preparedness processes.

Representatives from 12 States, as well as the United Kingdom, will be present at the Workshop. Confirmed participants include the Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS FEMA), DHS Office of Infrastructure Protection, and DHS Office of Emergency Communications. Other noteworthy attending agencies include the DHS Transportation Security Administration, the Department of Justice, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Health & Human Services.