

## AMS Annual Partnership Topics

Each year the AMS Board on Enterprise Planning (BEP), a part of the AMS Commission on the Weather and Climate Enterprise (CWCE), selects for community study and review a new topic of strategic importance to the entire weather, water, and climate community. The topics selected by BEP for review and study are called Annual **Partnership** Topics (APTs), because they concern all sectors (public, private, academic, and end user) of our community.

Anyone in the weather, water, and climate community can nominate an APT, and the BEP encourages unsolicited APT nominations at any time. BEP evaluates each APT nomination received using the five evaluation criteria listed in the APT Nomination Form, which is appended below.

As of August, 2009, three AMS APTs have been approved and are in varying states of completion. They concern: Hurricanes Disasters (being finalized), Mesoscale Observation Networks (in progress), and Observations from Mobile Platforms (starting up). You may comment on any aspect of AMS APTs in the APT Forum of the CWCE Message Board, which is located online at [cwce.ametsoc.org](http://cwce.ametsoc.org).

Thank you for your support and interest. If you have any questions, please contact the members of the BEP by sending an e-mail message to [amsbep@ametsoc.org](mailto:amsbep@ametsoc.org).

Regards,  
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----- **Begin APT Nomination Form** -----

Your Name:

Organization:

Address:

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APT Short Title:

APT Description [6 lines or less]:

Please address the following questions in relation to the APT Selection Criteria [5 lines or less each]:

**1. Timeliness:** Do you expect the results of the AMS annual partnership topic activities will be relevant to the weather, water, and climate community in 2 years and beyond?

**2. Sector and Discipline Breadth:**

a. Is the topic of concern to many private sector, academic, and government organizations of various kinds?

b. Is the topic of concern to scientific, technological, policy, legal, and economic interests of various kinds?

c. Is the topic of broad interest to many kinds of government agencies (federal, state, local), many kinds of private sector organizations (both users and providers of weather and climate information) and many kinds of academic/research institutions?

**3. Impact:** What impact will the proposed APT have on the weather, water, and climate community and on society as a whole? Please describe expected impacts in tangible terms (e.g. the fraction of the U.S. and/or global economy affected) and/or intangible terms (e.g. potential or institutional effects).

**4. Interest:** What is your estimate of the likelihood of success in: (1) forming a committee, with members from all four community sectors, to study the APT, and (2) attracting multiple contributors to the topic?

**5. Linkage:** Does the APT have potential linkage to other planned activities? For example, is the topic related to a planned activity by another community organization?