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Call for Applications for a Public Policy Study Programme on

CRISIS & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

4th – 14th November, 2008

Boston, Massachusetts and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Fourteen individuals (seven from Ireland and seven from Northern Ireland) to include relevant policymakers from government, health, environmental and public safety agencies; leaders in emergency response; and academics to participate in a ten-day study visit to the United States examining issues such as: public policy strategies, inter-agency connectivity in training and response, crisis communication, and the effective utilization of volunteer responders with regard to emergency preparedness. The programme is sponsored by the Irish Institute at the Centre for Irish Programmes, Boston College, and the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. All programme-related costs including travel, accommodation, tuition, and the majority of meals are provided. The programme is not open to U.S. citizens, Green Card holders, or past participants of U.S. Government-funded Irish Institute programmes. *Short-listed applicants must be available for interview either 23rd September in Dublin or 24th September in Belfast.* Please note that the programme is by necessity highly selective, and that consequently, not all applicants will be interviewed and not all interviewees will be invited to participate.

To apply: Please visit our website at <http://www.bc.edu/irishinstitute> for an application form. The completed form, in addition to a letter of interest, must be returned by email to Ms. Thea Gilien at gilien@bc.edu before 5 p.m. GMT on Monday, **15th September, 2008**. The letter of interest should include: reason for application, your ability to contribute to the programme, and potential for sharing your experience upon your return home. For further information, please visit our website www.bc.edu/irishinstitute or telephone Ms. Thea Gilien (Dublin) at (353) 1 614 7450.