Call for applications for a study visit entitled

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND CIVIL RESPONSE

May 3rd – 13th, 2011
Boston, Massachusetts and New Orleans, Louisiana

Up to fourteen individuals, including relevant policymakers and practitioners from health, environmental and public safety agencies in addition to relevant government officials from Ireland and from Northern Ireland will be selected to engage with their American counterparts on relevant topics. Seminars and visits will examine strategies for dealing with large-scale civil crises including natural disasters, pandemics, transportation accidents, and terrorism. Among other issues, the program will focus on planning and preparedness, inter-agency connectivity, crisis communication, short-term population resettlement, and the effective utilization of volunteer responders.

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. 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 8th March in Dublin or 9th March 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: Visit our website at www.bc.edu/irisinstitute for an application. 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 Friday, 25th February. The mandatory 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 or telephone (353) 1 614 7450.