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Volunteers Called to Action for Immediate and Secondary Disaster Response

Vancouver, Washington (January 13, 2010). Vancouver based Forward Edge International (FEI) is calling volunteers to respond to the great need in Haiti now and in the months and years to come. FEI is sending a team of seven key personnel and medical professionals to Haiti on January 27 to help meet immediate medical needs.

This team will also assess the situation and solidify the logistical infrastructure needed to assist in Phase II, long-term disaster response and recovery work.

FEI excels at providing the next, crucial step following Phase I search and rescue efforts—helping people rebuild homes, orphanages and lives after the dust clears and the first responders have left.

Over 120 volunteers have already contacted FEI to offer their services and this list is growing by the minute. Generous partners have also provided a matching gift so that donations for FEI's relief efforts in Haiti will be matched dollar for dollar.

Tomorrow at 10:00 a.m., FEI Founder and President, Joe Anfuso, will update members of the media on the details related to FEI's immediate and secondary response plan.

What: A Call to Action: Help Haiti Rebuild

Who: FEI Founder and President, Joe Anfuso

When: January 15, 2010 at 10:00 am

Where: FEI Headquarters, 15121-A NE 72nd Avenue, Vancouver, Wash, 98686

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About Forward Edge International:

FEI alleviates suffering through disaster-response work, health care projects and programs for vulnerable children by mobilizing hundreds of volunteers each year. Since 1983, more than 12,000 volunteers have served with Forward Edge, worldwide.

For 26 years, FEI has specialized in sending ordinary people throughout the world to assist in times of disaster, including wars, terrorist attacks, earthquakes, tsunamis, and hurricanes.

When Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast, FEI was able to send volunteers to help within days and this effort continues, with nearly 300 FEI volunteers traveling to New Orleans and Texas in 2009. FEI volunteers have helped hundreds of people in the Gulf Coast return to their homes, churches and schools.

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