



PHILADELPHIA, February 5, 2008 – The Wharton Risk Management and Decision Processes Center is pleased to announce the appointment of Harvey Ryland as a Senior Research Fellow. Mr. Ryland brings to the Risk Center over thirty years of experience in the field of emergency management.

Mr. Ryland is the former President and Chief Executive Officer of the Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS), a national, not-for-profit corporation dedicated to reducing injuries, deaths, property damage, economic losses and human suffering caused by natural disasters and day-to-day structural events. In this role, he led the organization in working with organizations in the public, private, and academic sectors to establish priorities, programs, and practices to protect homes and families, keep businesses open, and preserve jobs. Mr. Ryland's professional life has been dedicated to these goals and to making disaster safety a strongly held public value.

Prior to joining IBHS, Mr. Ryland was nominated by President Clinton, and confirmed by the U.S. Senate as Deputy Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). While there, he worked closely with James Lee Witt, then the director of FEMA, to develop a new strategy for emergency management in the United States, emphasizing loss reduction through property protection. Previously, Mr. Ryland was Executive Director of the Central United States Earthquake Consortium (CUSEC), the project engineer for the development of the Incident Command System (ICS), the Uniform Fire Incident Reporting System (UFIRS), the Community Fire Protection Master Planning manuals, and numerous fire, law enforcement, and emergency management communications-dispatch systems.