CESER leads the Emergency Support Function #12 (ESF #12) responders, a team of highly skilled and trained energy specialists, to support energy restoration efforts from natural or man-made events including hurricanes, winter storms, fires, or terrorist attacks. HAMMER builds the response program, delivers training, and responds when disasters strike. HAMMER helps coordinate response, provides logistical support, and when needed, deploys members of its own team to catastrophic incidents to help restore life-giving energy resources throughout the nation.

HAMMER has received federal and national recognition for providing training for ESF #12 responders and DOE Regional Coordinators.

- National and Regional Exercise preparation and implementation
- Initial and Refresher training development and delivery
- Supports deployments during energy emergencies
- After-Action reports to identify best practices and lessons learned
- Emergency response program development and management
- Serving as active response team members
- Provides education and outreach training resources for energy security planning
- Coordinates and facilitates interface response partners to include industry and government agencies