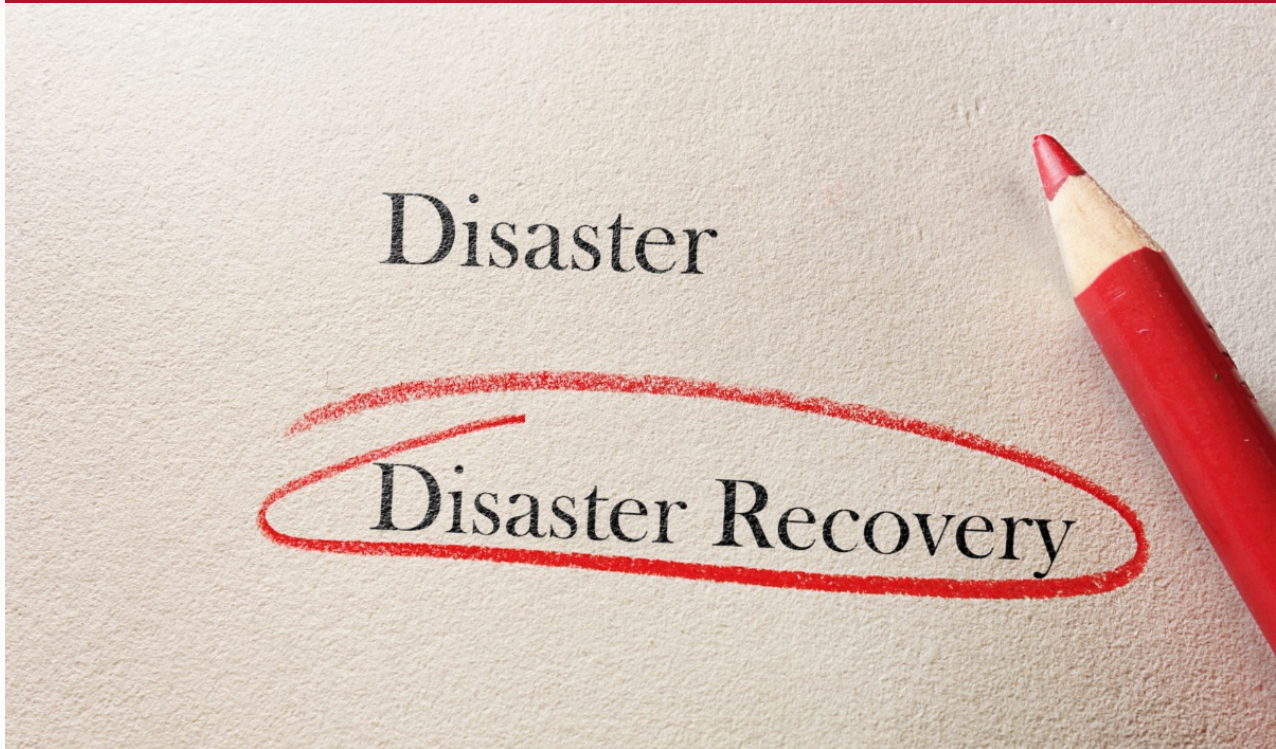




Avoid Contracting Mistakes



Avoiding FEMA's Top 5 Procurement and Contracting Mistakes

As we head into Hurricane Season knowing that many organizations are recovering from multiple legacy disasters, it is an excellent time to remind our members of special considerations when seeking FEMA reimbursement for disaster recovery. Over subsequent editions of Leaders Choice, we will be counting down the top five FEMA procurement and contracting mistakes that lead to de-obligation of funding.



Engaging in a sole-source procurement without documenting the emergency or exigent situation. FEMA requires that non-state entities document and justify **each** use of the non-competitive procurement exception related to emergency or exigent circumstances.

Continuing work under a sole-source contract after the urgent need has ended. While FEMA provides an allowance for non-competitive procurement during exigent or emergency



circumstances, the expectation is that the non-state entity plans to transition to a competitive procurement as soon as the urgent need has ended.

[View FEMA's Fact Sheet related to Procurement Under Emergency and Exigent Circumstances](#)

New Members

HCDE Interlocal Agreements with new members: Gilmer ISD, Gilmer, Texas; Lavaca County, Hallettsville, Texas; North Texas Municipal Water District, Wylie, Texas; Orange County Drainage Districts, Orange, Texas; School of Excellence, San Antonio, Texas; and The Paradigm Project, Houston, Texas.

HCDE Out-of-State new members:

Academy of Hope Adult Public Charter School, Washington, D.C.; Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio; Brunswick County Schools, Bolivia, N.C.; Challenger School Foundation, Sandy, Utah; Jeffco Public Schools, Golden, Colo.; Lincoln Park Public Schools, Lincoln Park, Mich.; Maine Township HS District 207, Park Ridge, Ill.; Nassau Community College, Garden City, N.Y.; Newburgh Enlarged City School District, Newburgh, N.Y.; NJ Transit, Newark, N.J.; NYSARC, Inc. New York City Chapter, New York, N.Y.; Salem, Oregon, Salem, Ore.; and Visiting Nurse Service of NY, New York, N.Y.

Contracts

Recently Renewed Contracts for Produce and Other Specialty Products; Commercial Food Distributor; Waste & Recycling Collection Services; and Musical Instruments & Related Items.

Recently Awarded Contracts for Bottled Drinking Water, Coolers, and Other Beverage Related Products; Dairy and Other Related Products; and Bread and Tortilla Products.

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2021 TACCBO
Virtual

June 16-17, 2021
2021 Texas CTO Clinic
Georgetown, TX

June 20-22, 2021
TASN
San Antonio, TX

June 23-25, 2021





Current CSP's & RFP's

Energy Purchase

Date: June 10, 2021

Web-based Electronic Bidding System

Date: June 22, 2021

[View Current CSP's and RFP's](#)

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