



**DATE:** November 6, 2012

**TO:** Procurement Directors

**FROM:** Director, Contract and Financial Assistance Policy Division  
Office of Acquisition and Project Management

**SUBJECT:** Major Disaster and Emergency Declarations for Specific States from Hurricane Sandy

**SUMMARY:** The President signed Major Disaster Declarations for New Jersey (DR 4086), New York (DR-4085), Connecticut (DR-4087), and Rhode Island (DR-4089). Additionally, the President signed Emergency Declarations for New Hampshire (EM-3360), Virginia (EM-3359), West Virginia (EM-3358), Delaware (EM-3357), Rhode Island (EM-3355), Pennsylvania (EM-3356), District of Columbia (EM-3352), Massachusetts (EM-3350), and Maryland (EM-3349). For updates please go to: <http://www.fema.gov/disasters>.

The Office of Federal Procurement Policy stated that the Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Office of the Secretary of Defense, has taken action that meets the legal and Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) definition of "contingency operation." DOE Headquarters is preparing a determination to increase the micro-purchase and simplified acquisition thresholds in accordance with FAR 18.201, Contingency operation, paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d). This authority applies only to efforts in response to Hurricane Sandy for the states and the counties in the declared disaster areas identified in the paragraph above.

The emergency acquisition flexibilities identified in FAR 18.203, Emergency declaration or major disaster declaration, and FAR 26.2, Disaster or Emergency Assistance Activities, as it relates to the Stafford

Act have been declared only for the major disaster areas in the specified states and counties listed below:

Connecticut Hurricane Sandy (DR-4087) for the following counties: Fairfield County, Mashantucket Pequot Indian Reservation, Middlesex County, New Haven County and New London County;

New Jersey Hurricane Sandy (DR-4086) for the following counties: Atlantic County, Cape May County, Essex County, Hudson County, Middlesex County, Monmouth County, Ocean County and Union County;

New York Hurricane Sandy (DR-4085) for the following counties: Bronx County, Kings County, Nassau County, New York County, Queens County, Richmond County and Suffolk County; and

Rhode Island Hurricane Sandy (DR-4089) for the following counties: Bristol County, Newport County and Washington County.

For all procurement actions, remember to keep costs separate. The Office of the Chief Financial Officer will issue separate guidance on tracking the costs incurred in supporting Hurricane Sandy recovery efforts.

The Small Business Administration (SBA) offices in the affected areas are closed. When submitting offers to the cognizant District Offices, you should copy both Darryl Hairston at [Darryl.Hairston@sba.gov](mailto:Darryl.Hairston@sba.gov) and John Shoraka at [john.shoraka@sba.gov](mailto:john.shoraka@sba.gov). SBA is working to ensure e-mails sent to the District Offices are automatically forward to John Shoraka, the Associate Administrator for Business Development. The SBA point of contact is Darryl Hairston at [Darryl.Hairston@sba.gov](mailto:Darryl.Hairston@sba.gov) or 202-205-1942.

Please note that a new National Interest Action value "Hurricane Sandy 2013" has been added to the FPDS-NG Production system. For Web Portal users the value "Hurricane Sandy 2013" is available for selection in the National Interest Action field drop down. The Contract Writing systems shall use the code "H13S" when creating/updating documents through Business Services. National Interest Action value "Hurricane Sandy 2013" is valid from 10/28/2012 to 04/29/2013. If you have any questions or problems, please contact the FPDS NG-Change Management Team at 703-390-5360 or email them at [fpdssupport@gcefederal.com](mailto:fpdssupport@gcefederal.com).

The attachment is a one page summary of available the emergency acquisitions flexibilities available to the DOE Contracting Officer along

with a reprint of a table from the Acquisition Guide Chapter 18, Emergency Acquisitions.

This Flash will be available online at the following website:  
<http://energy.gov/management/office-management/operational-management/procurement-and-acquisition/policy-flashes>.

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