

Procurement Advisory No. 106

Emergency Acquisition in Support of Hurricane Sandy Relief Efforts

1. SUMMARY

This advisory calls for the emergency acquisition flexibilities in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) at FAR 18.201, 18.203 and FAR 26.2 to apply in support of Hurricane Sandy relief efforts.

2. BACKGROUND

The President has signed major disaster declarations for New Jersey, New York, New Hampshire, Virginia, Connecticut, Delaware, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, District of Columbia, Massachusetts and Maryland in support of Hurricane Sandy relief. (To view the declarations and declaration updates see <http://www.fema.gov/disasters.>)

3. REFERENCES

- Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) sections 18.201, 18.203 and subpart 26.2
- FAR section 2.101, definitions for *Simplified Acquisition Threshold* and *Micro-purchase Threshold*.
- Office of Management Budget, Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OMB OFPP) *Emergency Acquisitions Guide* available at http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/assets/procurement_guides/emergency_acquisitions_guide.pdf

4. ACTIONS

a. Contracting officers should use the thresholds and procedures in the FAR citations when procuring services and supplies in support of relief efforts in the declared disaster areas listed above as a result of Hurricane Sandy. The increased thresholds are to be used only for efforts in response to Hurricane Sandy.

b. **GSA Code.** The General Services Administration (GSA) has created a National Interest Action (NIA) code in the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS) for Hurricane Sandy. Please use this code for Hurricane Sandy relief efforts:

Code : H13S

Short Description: Hurricane Sandy 2013

Description: Hurricane Sandy (SANDY2012) Start date: October 28, 2012 End Date: April 29, 2013

c. In addition, the company, ASI Government, Inc., is providing free access to its [Hurricane Sandy Emergency Contracting ToolKit](#), including a guide to emergency contracting, frequently asked questions, step-by-step checklists and contact information.

5. CONTACTS

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