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# PROCUREMENT TOOLBOX

# **PROCUREMENT CHECKLIST**

This checklist addresses the Uniform Administrative Requirements (UAR) for FEMA grants.

PRO	JECT TITLE:		
PRO	JECT NUMBER:		
PRO	JECT DESCRIPTION:		
Docu	ment Your FILE OR BE PREPARED to Demonstrate the Followin	g:	
SOL	ICITATION	PRE-DECEMBER 26, 2014	POST-DECEMBER 26, 2014
	Is the solicitation ( <i>Request for Proposals</i> [RFP] or <i>Request for Qualifications</i> [RFQ], (advertisement) properly DETAILED in your file?	2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 215.44(e); 44 CFR 13.36(c) (3)(i)(ii)	2 CFR 200.318(h)(i)
	<ul> <li>Were prospective respondents allowed SUFFICIENT TIME to respond?</li> </ul>	44 CFR 13.36(d)(2)(ii)(A)	-
	<ul> <li>Does solicitation contain a clear and accurate description of the TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS for the material, product or services and <i>scope of work</i> (sow)?</li> </ul>	2 CFR 215.44(a)(3)(i); 44 CFR 13.36(c)(3)(i)	2 CFR 200.319(c)(1)
	• Specifications may not contain features that <b>unduly restrict competition</b> .	2 CFR 215.43; 44 CFR 13.36(c) (3)(i)	2 CFR 200.319(c)(1)
	» Are there unreasonable requirements or unnecessary experience or excessive bonding requirements?	44 CFR 13.36(c)(1)(i-ii)	2 CFR 200.319(a)(1)-(2)
	» Are there any "brand name" products specified without also listing "or equivalent"?	44 CFR 13.36(c)(3)(i)	2 CFR 200.319(c)(1)
	» Does the solicitation file evidence the following:		
	<ul> <li>Positive efforts in hiring small-business, minority-owned business or women-owned business enterprises and labor surplus firms to the maximum extent practical?</li> </ul>	2 CFR 215.44(b)(1); 44 CFR 13.36(e)	2 CFR 200.321
	<ul> <li>If your Prime Contractor has decided to use a subcontractor, did they take the above affirmative steps?</li> </ul>	-	2 CFR 200.321(b)(6)
	Do you have a record OF RESPONDENTS that were rejected as not responsible or not responsive and the reasons for rejection included in your file?	2 CFR 215.44(d); 44 CFR 13.36(b) (8)(9)	2 CFR 200.318(i)
	Are there an ADEQUATE NUMBER of responses documented in the file (two [2] or more for large purchases and three [3] for small purchases)? Keep records of proposals in your file.	2 CFR 215.43; 44 CFR 13.36(d)(2) (i)(B); 44 CFR 13.36(d)(3); 44 CFR 13.36(d)(3)(ii); <i>Disaster Assistance</i> <i>Policy</i> (DAP) 9580.212	2 CFR 200.320(c)(1)(ii); 2 CFR 200.320(d)(2)
	Are copies of all proposals, including METHODOLOGY OF EVALUATION and selection process (e.g., bid summary, tabulation sheet, scoring sheet, cost analysis if needed [see COST ANALYSIS REQUIRED section] and recommendation), included in your file?	2 CFR 215.44; 44 CFR 13.36(d)(3)	2 CFR 200.320(d)
	Are there any potential CONFLICTS OF INTEREST?	2 CFR 215.42; 44 CFR 13.36(b)(3)	2 CFR 200.318(c)(1)



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WHA	AT IS THE METHOD OF PROCUREMENT?	PRE-DECEMBER 26, 2014	POST-DECEMBER 26, 2014
	Procurement by micro-purchase. (less than \$3,000)	-	2 CFR 200.320(a)
	Procurement by small purchase procedures. (less than or equal to \$100,000 / \$150,000)	2 CFR 215.44(2); 44 CFR 13.36(d) (1)	2 CFR 200.320(b)
	Procurement by <b>sealed bids</b> (preferred method for construction contracts). Contract awarded to the <b>lowest responsive</b> and <b>responsible</b> <b>bidder</b> with a firm fixed price contract (lump sum or unit price).	44 CFR 13.36(d)(2)	2 CFR 200.320(c)
	Procurement by <b>competitive proposals</b> .	44 CFR 13.36(d)(3)	2 CFR 200.320(d)
	<ul> <li>If solicitation was for other than "Architectural and Engineering (A + E) professional services", was price included as a selection criteria?</li> </ul>	44 CFR 13.36(d)(3)(v)	2 CFR 200.320(d)(4)
	<ul> <li>If solicitation was for A + E services, is a cost estimate included in your file?</li> </ul>	44 CFR 13.36(d)(3)(v)	2 CFR 200.323(b )
	• Does the solicitation clearly outline the <b>scoring criteria</b> and associated weights used for selection?	2 CFR 215.44(a)(3)(ii); 44 CFR 13.36(d)(3)(i); 44 CFR 13.36(c) (3)(ii)	2 CFR 200.320(d)(1)
	Procurement by <b>noncompetitive proposals</b> .	44 CFR 13.36(d)(4)	2 CFR 200.320(f)
	<ul> <li>Is there a justification for the use of this method of procurement included in your file?</li> </ul>	2 CFR 215.46(b); 44 CFR 13.36(d) (4)(i)-(iii)	2 CFR 200.318(i); 2 CFR 200.320(f)
	<ul> <li>Are intergovernmental agreements and Federal surplus property (if applicable) included in your file?</li> </ul>	44 CFR 13.36(b)(5)-(6)	-

ΤΥΡΙ	ES OF CONTRACTS FOR REIMBURSEMENT	PRE-DECEMBER 26, 2014	POST-DECEMBER 26, 2014
		2 CFR 215.44(c); Public	
	Lump Sum.	Assistance Guide - FEMA 322 /	2 CFR 200.320(c)
		June 2007, pages 52-53	
		2 CFR 215.44(c); Public	
	Unit Price.	Assistance Guide - FEMA 322 /	2 CFR 200.320(c)
		June 2007, pages 52-53	
		2 CFR 215.44(c); Public	
	Cost Plus a Fixed Fee.	Assistance Guide - FEMA 322 /	2 CFR 200.320 (c)+(d)
		June 2007, pages 52-53	
	Time + Materials (T + M) Contracts: Does it meet all the	44 CFR 13.36(b)(10); Public	
	requirements (see citation)?	Assistance Policy Digest - FEMA	2 CFR 200.318(j)
		321 / January 2008, page 23	
	Intergovernmental Agreements	44 CFR 13.36 (b)(5)	2 CFR 200.318(e)

PROHIBITED CONTRACTS		PRE-DECEMBER 26, 2014	POST-DECEMBER 26, 2014
		DOLR, Version 2.0, page 5-128;	DOLR, Version 2.0, page
<b>F</b>	Piggyback (NOT RECOMMENDED, MAY BE INELIGIBLE).	Public Assistance Policy Digest -	5-128; Public Assistance Policy
×	Piggyback (NOT RECOMMENDED, MAT BE INELIGIBLE).	FEMA 322 / January 2007,	Digest - FEMA 322 / January
		page 52-53	2007, page 52-53
<b>L</b>		2 CFR 215.44(c); 44 CFR 13.36(f)	2 CFR 200.323(d)
×	Cost-Plus-a-Percentage-of-Cost (MUST NOT BE USED).	(4)	
	Personation of Construction Cost (NUST NOT DE USED)	2 CFR 215.44 (c); 44 CFR 13.36(f)	
×	Percentage-of-Construction-Cost (MUST NOT BE USED).	(4)	2 CFR 200.323(d)
×	Cost Plus (MUST NOT BE USED).	-	LA RS Title 38:2221

BON	DING REQUIREMENTS	PRE-DECEMBER 26, 2014	POST-DECEMBER 26, 2014
	ls this a construction or facilities improvement Contract that exceeds <b>small purchase threshold</b> ? If so:	2 CFR 215.48; 44 CFR 13.36(h)	2 CFR 200.325
	• Did the bid response include a <b>five percent (5%) bid bond</b> ?	2 CFR 215.48(c)(1); 44 CFR 13.36(h)(1); LA RS 38:2218	2 CFR 200.325(a); LA RS 38:2219
	<ul> <li>Did the winning Contractor execute a performance bond for one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract?</li> </ul>	2 CFR 215.48(c)(2); 44 CFR 13.36(h)(2); LA RS 38:2219	2 CFR 200.325(b); LA RS 38:2214
	<ul> <li>Did the winning Contractor execute a payment bond for one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract?</li> </ul>	2 CFR 215.48(c)(3); 44 CFR 13.36(h)(3); LA RS 38:2219	2 CFR 200.325(c); LA RS 38:2219

REQ	UIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS	PRE-DECEMBER 26, 2014	POST-DECEMBER 26, 2014
	If bonding is required, have copies of the bond(s) been provided with the Contract?	2 CFR 215.48(c); 44 CFR 13.36(h)	2 CFR 200.325
	Does the Contract (greater than simplified acquisition threshold) contain a provision for administrative and legal remedies for violation or breach of contract?	2 CFR 215.48(a); 44 CFR 13.36(i) (1)	2 CFR 200 Appendix II(A)
	Does the Contract (greater than \$10,000) contain a provision for termination of Contract for cause and for convenience?	2 CFR 215.48(b); 44 CFR 13.36(i) (2)	2 CFR 200 Appendix II(B)
	Does the Contract contain a provision to COMPLY with <i>Executive Order</i> (EO) <i>11246 and 11375, Equal Employment</i> <i>Opportunity</i> (EEO)?	2 CFR 215 Appendix A(1); 44 CFR 13.36(i)(3)	2 CFR 200 Appendix II(C)
	Does the Contract (applies to all construction or repair Contracts greater than \$10,000) contain a provision to comply with the Copeland Anti-Kickback Act?	2 CFR 215 Appendix A(2); 44 CFR 13.36(i)(4)	2 CFR 200 Appendix II(D)
	Is the Contract required to comply with Sections 103 and 107 of the <i>Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act</i> ?	2 CFR 215 Appendix A(4); 44 CFR 13.36(i)(6)	2 CFR 200 Appendix II(E)
	Does the Contract (applies to Contracts, subcontracts and grants <i>greater than</i> <b>small purchase threshold</b> ) contain a provision to comply with Section 306 of the <i>Clean Air Act and</i> Section 508 of the <i>Clean Water Act</i> ?	2 CFR 215 Appendix A(6); 44 CFR 13.36(i)(12)	2 CFR 200 Appendix II(G)
	Does the Contract certify that the Contractor has complied with the <i>Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment</i> ?	2 CFR 215 Appendix A(7)	2 CFR 200 Appendix II(I)
	Does the Contract contain a provision stating <b>record retention</b> and access requirements to all records?	2 CFR 215.53; 44 CFR 13.36(i) (10)-(11)	2 CFR 200.333; 200.336



	Does the Contract contain a provision that the Contractor agrees to comply with mandatory energy efficiency standards and policies contained within the <i>State Energy Conservation</i> <i>Plan</i> ?	2 CFR 215.44(a)(3)(vi); 44 CFR 13.36(i)(13)	
	Does the Contract include a declaration by the Contractor stating that it, its principles or affiliates (subcontractors) are currently not disqualified as a result of debarment or suspension?	2 CFR 215 Appendix A(8); 44 CFR 13.35	2 CFR 200 Appendix II(H)
	Does the Contract include a provision stating the Subrecipient (Applicant) has a responsibility to include required reports (i.e. program performance, financial and progress reports)?	2 CFR 215.51-52; 44 CFR 13.36(i) (7)	2 CFR 200.327329
	Does the Contract include a provision stating the Subrecipient (Applicant), if a local or State government entity, has a responsibility to use recycled/recovered materials?	2 CFR 215.16; 44 CFR 13.36(i)(12)	2 CFR 200.322
×	Compliance with the <i>Davis-Bacon Act</i> : There is <b>NO</b> <b>REQUIREMENT</b> for such compliance with the FEMA Public Assistance (PA) or Hazard Mitigation (HM) programs.	2 CFR 215 Appenix A (3); 44 CFR 13.36 (i)(5); Public Assistance Guide - FEMA 322 / June 2007, page 44	2 CFR 200 Appendix II(D); FEMA 322 / June 2007 Page 44

COST ANALYSIS REQUIRED		Pre-December 26, 2014	POST-December 26, 2014
	Is the Contract a <b>noncompetitive</b> proposal?	2 CFR 215.45; 44 CFR 13.36(d)(4) (ii); 44 CFR 13.36(f)	2 CFR 200.323(a)
	Were <b>additional services</b> performed by the A/E firm?	2 CFR 215.45; 44 CFR 13.36(f)	2 CFR 200.323(a)
	Did the Contract <i>Statement of Work</i> change? Are there <i>Change Orders</i> ?	2 CFR 215.45; 44 CFR 13.36(f)	2 CFR 200.323(a)



## **REPORT FRAUD, SCAMS, and ABUSE**

#### **Department of Homeland Security Office of the Inspector General:**

https://oig.hhs.gov/fraud/report-fraud/ 1-800-HHS-TIPS (1-800-447-8477)

#### Louisiana Office of the Inspector General:

1-866-801-2549 http://oig.louisiana.gov/index.cfm?md=complaint&tmp=complaintform

#### Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

https://www.lla.la.gov/hotline/ 1-844-50-FRAUD

#### **Attorney General Office: Consumer Protection Division**

https://www.ag.state.la.us/ConsumerDisputes 1-800-351-4889

#### **Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors**

1-800-256-1392 https://www.lslbc.louisiana.gov/consumers/complaints/ Or file online complaints@lslbc.louisiana.gov

#### **National Center for Disaster Fraud**

https://www.justice.gov/criminal-oilspill/national-center-disaster-fraud-ncdf 1-866-720-5721

And your local law enforcement

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# PROCUREMENT + CONTRACTING - MORE RESOURCES

There are many procurement resources available to Subrecipients (Applicants). We have listed direct links to Best Practice job aids, materials and policies below:

## Job Aids + Materials

GOHSEP Procurement Videos gohsep.la.gov/RESOURCES/DATraining

GOHSEP Job Aids gohsep.la.gov/RESOURCES/OVERVIEW/PUBLICATIONS

FEMA Procurement Disaster Assistance Team (PDAT) Materials fema.gov/procurement-disaster-assistance-team

Louisiana Legislative Auditor State Procurement Guidance (Public Bid Law, Public Assistance Grant Program and Louisiana Procurement Code) IIa.Ia.gov/legal-faqs/all-faqs/

## **FEMA** Policies

Public Assistance (PA) fema.gov/public-assistance-policy-and-guidance

Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-assistance-grants-policy

## **Contractor Search Engines**

lslbc.louisiana.gov/contractor-search/ sam.gov



Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide

FP 104-009-2 / April 2017



fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/111781



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## FEMA PA GUIDES LISTED BY DISASTER\*

The policy guide in effect at the time of the disaster is the FEMA policy guide that applies to the grant dollars for the entirety of the grant, regardless of whether FEMA publishes a new guide. Make sure you are looking at the correct policy when working your particular grant.

DISASTER NAME	DISASTER NUMBER	DATE DECLARED	
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (PA) PROGRAM + POLICY GUIDE (APRIL 1, 2017) (Effective for ALL disasters declared on or <i>after</i> April 1, 2017)			
Tropical Storm Harvey	DR-4345	10/16/17	
Tropical Storm Nate	EM-3392	10/6/17	
PA PROGRAM + POLICY GUIDE (JANUARY 1, 2016) (Effective for all disasters declared between January 1, 2016 and March 31, 2017)			
• Severe Storms + Tornadoes, + Straight-line Winds	DR-4300	2/11/17	
Severe Storms + Flooding	DR-4277	8/14/16	
Severe Storms + Flooding	DR-4263	3/13/16	
Severe Storms + Flooding	EM-3376	2/5/16	
<b>FEMA PA POLICY GUIDE – FEMA 322 + PUB</b> (Effective for all disasters declared between Janua			
Severe Storms + Flooding	DR-4228	7/13/15	
Severe Storms + Flooding	DR-4102	2/22/13	
Hurricane Isaac	DR-4080	8/29/12	
Tropical Storm Lee	DR-4041	10/28/11	
Mississippi River Flooding	DR-4015	8/18/11	
Mississippi River Flooding	EM-3322	5/6/11	
Severe Storms + Tornadoes + Flooding	DR-1863	12/10/09	
Hurricane Ike	DR-1792	9/13/08	
Hurricane Gustav	DR-1786	9/2/08	
Severe Storms + Flooding	DR-1668	11/2/06	
Hurricane Rita	DR-1607	9/24/05	
Hurricane Katrina	DR-1603	8/29/05	

\*Open disasters as of November 2017.

[SOURCEs: louisianapa.com/site/opengrants.cfm + fema.gov/disasters]



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