



## Who's on First: FEMA or Insurance? Disaster Recovery Funding Essentials

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#### **Learning Objectives**

#### At the end of this session, you will:

- Identify types of emergency assistance and the funding interactions with commercial insurance
- 2. Assemble the elements of a strategic plan to secure and spend federal funds for eligible catastrophe purposes
- Understand the roles of each organization under the National Response and Recovery frameworks and the Stafford Act

## **Financial Recovery Funding Sources**

- ► Commercial property insurance
- ► FEMA public assistance
- ► Other (HUD CDBG-DR, FEMA 404, etc.)

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## Joplin, Missouri - May 22, 2011



#### Joplin, Missouri - May 22, 2011 (cont.)

Time: Sunday, May 22, 2011 @ 5:41 PM

Impact: 6 ½ miles long, ¾ mile wide band of destruction

**Hospital patients:** 183 inpatients

25 ED patients

Co-workers: 276 working at the hospital

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## Joplin, Missouri - May 22, 2011 (cont.)

PATIENTS IN THE HOSPITAL: 183 evacuated in 90 minutes

TORNADO VICTIMS NEEDING MEDICAL CARE: 1,000 estimated

#### **CO-WORKERS:**

- ▶ 276 working on Sunday, May 22
- > 2,097 to account for
- ▶ 134 lost their homes completely
- ▶ 224 had damage or losses

#### Joplin, Missouri - May 22, 2011 (cont.)

#### **COMMUNITY:** (update as of 7/20/11)

- ▶ 159 deaths greatest number in six decades; overall eighth worst
- ▶ 20% of the city destroyed
- ▶ 8,000 homes and apartment buildings destroyed
- ▶ 18,000 vehicles were damaged
- > \$2 billion anticipated insurance claims
- ▶ 1,000 businesses destroyed; 500 businesses damaged
- ▶ 5,000 employees estimated affected; 3,500 have been kept on payrolls
- ▶ 18,000 citizens displaced
- ▶ 1,500 awaiting housing, including those in FEMA

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#### Joplin, Missouri - May 22, 2011 (cont.)



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May 23, 2011. Photo courtesy of Kansas City Star

#### **Property Insurance**

- Building, equipment, supplies, leased/consigned items, employee property
  - Replacement vs. actual cash value (ACV)
- Extra expense
- Business interruption



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#### **Insurance Claim Leading Practices**

- Read the policy
- Assemble a claim team internally and externally
- ▶ Set up procedures to capture expenses and lost revenue
- Designate one point of contact with adjuster/insurers
- Manage expectations internally and externally
- Prepare for meetings
- Explain business model and how the losses fit
- ► Help adjuster set reserve
- Document substantive discussions
- Request cash advances

#### **Top Disputed Items - Insurance**

- Scope of rebuild
- Extra expense vs. business decision
- Period of indemnity
- ► Sales and/or production projections
- Make-up sales and offsets
- Necessarily continuing expenses
- Ordinary payroll coverage
- Idle periods
- Residual value credit
- Timing of settlement

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#### **FEMA Public Assistance**

- ▶ Governed by Stafford Act
- Property only
- Same "design, function and capacity"
- ► Grantee (State) and Subgrantee relationship
- Pays only after insurance
- Project worksheets
- Procurement considerations
- Force account labor and equipment
- Oversight Office of Inspector General (OIG) audits

## Recordkeeping

Importance of good recordkeeping cannot be over emphasized!!

What matters is not just what is in the initial project worksheet (PW), but what you get to keep at the end of the process

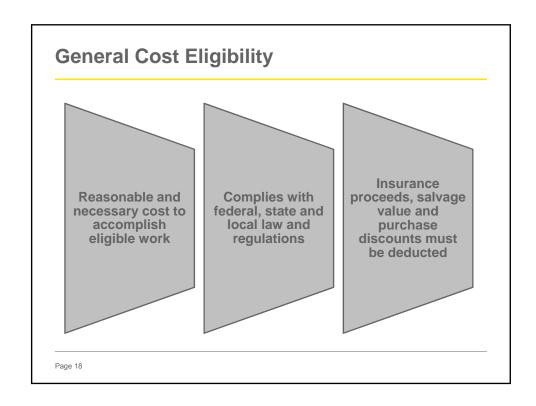


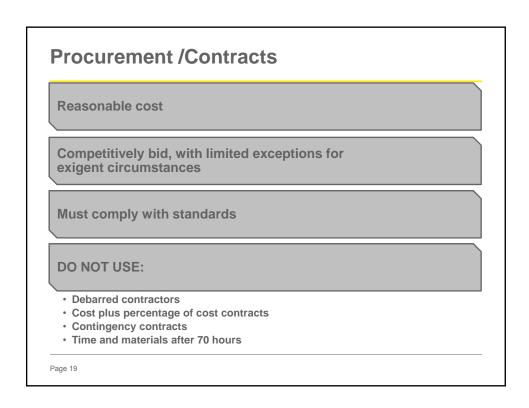
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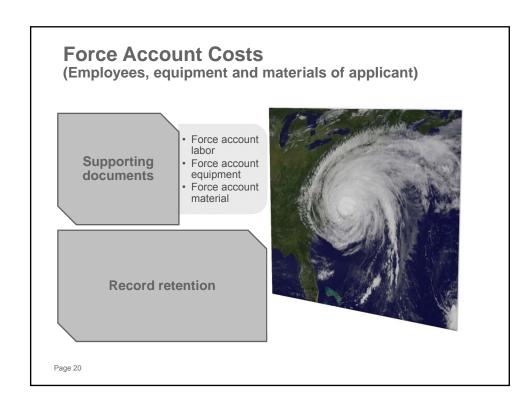
## **Project Accounting**

Grantees and subgrantees must maintain records that adequately identify the source and application of funds provided for financially assisted activities

Accounting for large projects must be on a project-by-project basis







## **FEMA Public Assistance Leading Practices**

- ▶ Review federal and state regs, polices, guidelines, etc.
- ▶ Review pre-negotiated, stand-by or regular contracts
- Meet with your state or local oversight officials get to know them and ask what they look for
- Develop a checklist or "items to be aware of" that you can reference (or just be aware of), especially categories A and B

#### **FEMA Public Assistance Leading Practices (cont.)**

- ▶ Talk to other entities that have been through the process
- ► Try to anticipate what questions or documentation you will be asked for later
  - Try to "guess" what the "second guessers" will be asking
- Make sure critical support organizations (e.g., procurement, legal, financial) know what to expect and help them prepare

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#### **OIG** Audit Results

Number of		
Types of Ineligible Work or Cost	Resulting Recommendations	Amount Questioned in DHS OIG Reports
1. Contracting Practices	30	\$130,245,816
2. Insurance Issues	3	\$83,679,242
3. Legal Responsibility	2	\$7,560,185
4. Other Ineligible Work/Costs	85	\$21,118,786
Totals	120	\$242,604,029

#### **Top Grant Audit Issues**

- Duplication of billings
- Reconciliation of billings not performed (incorrect rates for equipment, labor and benefits)
- Questionable costs
- ▶ Ineligible expenses, work performed, claimed
- Ineligible contract method used

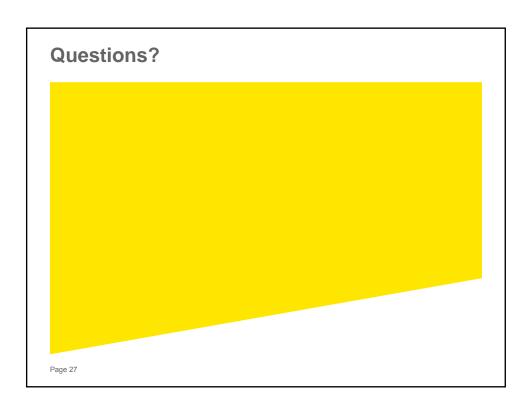
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#### **Top Grant Audit Issues (cont.)**

- ► Failure to follow procurement procedures
- Cost/price analysis not performed
- ▶ Did not clearly define required services or performance standards of contractor
- Did not document the basis for the contract award
- ▶ Use of non-capped time and material contracts for extended period of time without proper justification

## **Top FEMA and Insurance Issues**

- Duplication of benefits
- Procurement requirements
- ► Scope of repair differences
- ► Timing of insurance settlement
- ► Timing of FEMA recovery
- Combined deductible allocation
- ▶ Insurance global settlement allocation
  - Time element vs. property
- ► Insurance requirements post-loss
  - Commercial availability and exemptions



## Thank You!

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