

Spotlight

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Why This Matters

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides public assistance to state, tribal, and local government, and certain types of private nonprofit organizations so that communities can quickly respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies declared by the President. We perform audits of FEMA grantees and subgrantees to determine whether costs claimed under the awards are eligible and allowable under Federal regulations and FEMA guidelines. As of November 2013, FEMA had awarded over \$463 million in Public Assistance funding to cover Hurricane Sandy debris removal activities within New Jersey.

New Jersey Complied with Applicable Federal and State Procurement Standards when Awarding Emergency Contracts for Hurricane Sandy Debris Removal Activities

What We Determined

New Jersey complied with applicable Federal and State procurement standards when procuring emergency contracts for statewide debris removal and monitoring activities related to Hurricane Sandy. In addition, a local municipality's use of these contracts during the exigent period FEMA identified (November 4, 2012, to January 3, 2013) would meet State and Federal procurement standards.

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