

# How to do Business with FEMA After a Disaster

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**LOS ANGELES** – FEMA works with private sector vendors to help fulfill the response and recovery needs for disasters like the recent Los Angeles County Wildfires.

The [Doing Business with FEMA](#) webpage outlines the steps that companies and small businesses looking to compete for federal contracts should take. During response and recovery, FEMA’s goal is to contract with local businesses in the affected area whenever practical and feasible.

FEMA will only engage with companies through the federal procurement process. Business solicitations sent to individual members of the FEMA workforce will not be processed. The FEMA website outlines how companies can see and respond to the agency’s solicitations. The key steps to beginning the process are:

- **Consult your local procurement center:** We recommend you consider consulting with these [APEX Accelerators](#).
- **Register with [SAM.gov](#):** This is the System for Award Management. Entity registrations are free, and registration is required to do business with the federal government.
- **Understand the FEMA mission:** [FEMA’s mission](#), as authorized by the [Robert T. Stafford Act](#), is to help people before, during and after disasters.
- **Monitor contracting sites for opportunities:** Contracting sites are listed on [FEMA’s webpage](#).

Debris removal is often contracted locally after a disaster. If your company provides debris removal services, you can sign up with the [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Contractor Registry](#). You can also [register your business information](#) (including capabilities and locations served).

Additional information can be found on our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) webpage.



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For the latest information about California's recovery, visit [fema.gov/disaster/4856](https://fema.gov/disaster/4856). Follow FEMA Region 9 [@FEMARegion9](#) on X or follow FEMA on social media at: [FEMA Blog](#) on fema.gov, [@FEMA](#) or [@FEMAEspañol](#) on X, [FEMA](#) or [FEMA Español](#) on Facebook, [@FEMA on Instagram](#), and via [FEMA YouTube channel](#).

California is committed to supporting residents impacted by the Los Angeles Hurricane-Force Firestorm as they navigate the recovery process. Visit [CA.gov/LAFires](https://CA.gov/LAFires) for up-to-date information on disaster recovery programs, important deadlines, and how to apply for assistance.



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