

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

When state and local governments are faced with a disaster, it is imperative that they, together with the federal government, have procurement tools in place to provide **flexibility to facilitate and expedite** the acquisition of necessary supplies and services, while **safeguarding fundamental procurement principles**, to the extent possible. The dissonance brought on by disasters challenges the most well-trained procurement personnel, particularly when they must apply **little-used procedures**.

While **federal funding** and support may provide a strong bass line, the state and local melody must be well-orchestrated to ensure that **necessary services and infrastructure** are restored as quickly as possible. Disrupted oversight in the aftermath of a disaster can leave overworked public employees and contractors singing the blues, but preparedness will help bring them back to the “sunny side of the street.” This program is designed to share the best practices and identify “jazzy” cutting-edge solutions that are, and will be, instrumental to **an expeditious and effective response** in a disaster. The topic sessions have been composed to spotlight each panelist’s experience with, and input into, **preparedness strategies, procurement and contract administration in crises, contract analysis and oversight**, and **current issues** in regard to expedited procurement and joint governmental responses to emergencies and disasters.

What you need to know to **maximize effective procurement “best practices” and address the need to ensure continuous movement of supplies and services throughout the process will be covered in the program, including:**

- The year in review
- Anticipating emergency response issues
- Collaborative solutions for reconstruction
- Challenges of oversight, including potential controversies and false claims

This will be an interactive program designed for those involved in the process—government executives, government contracts administrators, purchasing agents, attorneys, and contractor equivalents—where all will be encouraged to share their experiences and have their questions answered.

Join us on May 14 from 4:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for an evening practicum and reception. Register today and network with other procurement professionals in the wonderful city of New Orleans on May 14–15.

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