



MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT of EMPLOYMENT SECURITY
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
MARK HENRY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Determination of Emergency Procurement

It is my determination, pursuant to Section 3-206 of the Mississippi Personal Service Contract Procurement Regulations, that the contract listed on the attached document is, in fact, emergency procurement. The workforce development services obligated in these contracts are purchased with Tornado National Emergency Grant (NEG) Funds. The intent of these funds is to provide workforce development, and assist with ongoing needs for reemployment services to eligible individuals. The United States Department of Labor has made these funds available for a grant period of May 9, 2011 to June 30, 2013.

It is the position of the MDES that this emergency declaration is warranted at this time in order to maximize the expeditious delivery of critical services to Mississippians adversely impacted by the severe storms, tornadoes, and associated flooding of April 15, 2011 and April 26-27, 2011.

The United States Department of Labor provides National Emergency Grants for rapid response to disaster and workforce training and employment projects. The congressional intent is to allow the Governor maximum flexibility to respond quickly "to help provide food, clothing, shelter, and related humanitarian services and to perform demolition, cleaning, repair, renovation and reconstruction of damaged and destroyed public structures, facilities and lands, located within the designated disaster area." By definition, services purchased with National Emergency Grants are essential and speedy delivery is critical. Late or delayed startup can cause the State to lose critical Federal funds and adversely affect the lives of disaster-affected citizens.

In summation, any delay in the execution and utilization of these types of funds will prevent the Governor from expeditiously implementing critical projects as envisioned and authorized by federal law, cost Mississippians additional federal resources, and adversely affect critical services to Mississippians in need of temporary employment in the wake of these devastating storms.

Thus, due to the aforementioned explanation and justification, I declare this an emergency procurement.

Sincerely,

Mark Henry
Executive Director