

To: New Jersey Counties and Municipalities

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Notice: Availability and use of NJ DEP/ Treasury Stand-by debris management contracts – Ida Clean Up

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In response to the impacts from remnants of Hurricane Ida, the State of New Jersey is activating its stand-by debris management contracts:

T-3008 Land Debris Removal

T-3062 Debris Monitoring

T-3044 Waterway Debris Removal

T-3004 Waterway Debris Assessment

These contracts may be immediately utilized as appropriate by Counties and Municipalities (Non-State entities, or NSE's) to secure debris management services from contract vendors who have competitively been awarded those contracts. To access those contracts and to reach the contractors go to <https://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/debris/contracts.html> . For information from the NJ Department of Treasury Division of Purchase and Property specific to these contracts, please contact Megan Tagliaferri at Megan.Tagliaferri@treas.nj.gov .

As Ida's impacts have caused New Jersey to be a Federally Declared disaster, NSE's may be eligible for assistance from the federal government to be reimbursed for a significant portion of the cost of eligible response/recovery activities with the important caveat that in order to be eligible for Federal reimbursement, NSE's must follow FEMA rules, guidance, and procedures from the outset of storm response actions.

Given the complexities of FEMA regulations and guidance, it is recommended that NSE's retain the services of debris monitoring entities who can advise NSE's, from the initial planning stages through reimbursement, of the FEMA processes, procedures, expenses, and recordkeeping procedures that are required by FEMA in order to qualify for FEMA reimbursement under federal law. Work not performed in accordance with FEMA requirements will not qualify for FEMA reimbursement. The above Debris Monitoring contractors, among others, can provide the guidance services.

FEMA may not necessarily provide reimbursement for expenses incurred after the exigent or emergency period has ended under FEMA guidelines. In order to qualify for FEMA reimbursement after FEMA determines the exigent or emergency period of time has ended, FEMA may require NSEs to follow FEMA NSE procurement practices, which are different than those followed by NJ Department of Treasury in procuring the above Stand-by debris management contracts, and retain contractors who have been retained through a separate procurement process in accordance with state law to complete any necessary debris removal work performed after FEMA determines the exigent or emergency period has ended. NJ Treasury, NJ Department of

Environmental Protection, and New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (OEM) are all working with FEMA to determine how long this exigent or emergency period may be and how it may affect debris management activities in progress at that time. The State agencies will communicate with NSE's as those timeframes are defined by FEMA and their impacts on the contracts determined. Please work through your OEM contact, who will coordinate with the other State agencies.