

The following information has been compiled by the Bi-State Regional Commission from e-mails sent to Lori Stock, Purchasing Agent, Bettendorf, IA on behalf of a request for assistance from Cedar Rapids, IA. The request has been forwarded to Purchasing Agents across the United States and responses are reflected by that. The information this document contains may help others in need of this same assistance.

FEMA Purchasing Assistance

I am writing you in response to a ““CALL FOR HELP”” on behalf of the City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Please be advised that I have first hand experience with FEMA purchasing as I am responsible for procurement in a city in South Florida and have experience dating back to Hurricane Andrew (more than 10 storms) with regards to dealing with FEMA. Additionally, I work with a team working from Frankfurt, Kentucky and Miami, Florida that provides disaster recovery assistance through a company called Emergency Recovery Assistance, LLC. I have taken the liberty of linking you to the website of one of our team members which is closest to you and providing you with Mike Flint’’s cell phone number (President of Flint Group) 1-502-216-4678. Our team is presently working with Columbus, IN helping with the FEMA reimbursement requests, etc. and perhaps can offer you some assistance:

<http://www.flintgroup.net/>. I already contacted Mr. Flint to give him a heads up regarding your needs and possible phone call.

We know how hard and overwhelming it can be to deal with so many issues during a disaster emergency and offer our assistance.

Regards,

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Let me know if there is anything we can do to help, we've had lots of experience with FEMA (as so many others here on the Gulf Coast).

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I can assist with FEMA purchasing and vendor assistance. My cell phones are (504) 329-1022; (602) 405-6293; Home (504) 861-1088; Work number below. Attached is our most current list of emergency vendors with contact phone numbers.

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GSA Link:

<http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/channelView.do?pageTypeId=8199&channelId=-18810>

The above link will get you to the US General Services Administration page where they have links and helpful documents to aid in disaster recovery purchasing.
