

# CARIBBEAN DISTRICT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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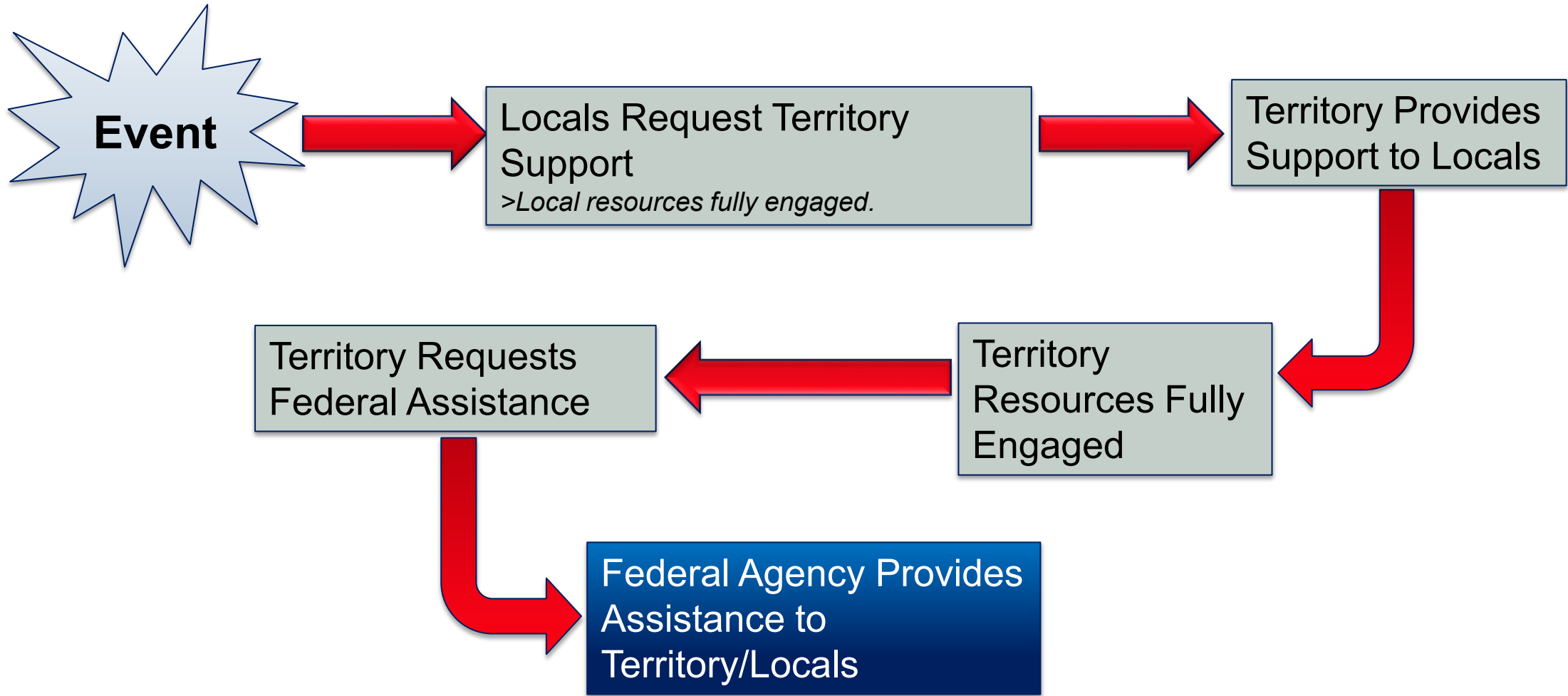
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# **USACE & EMERGENCIES**

# The Basics



# EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCESS



**Events are Locally Led, Managed by Territory, Federally Supported**

# Federal Response

## Strengths

1. Large scale assistance
2. Expertise in disaster response
3. Dedicated disaster funding
4. Sector specific support
5. On site organization and coordination

## Limitations

1. Duplication of services
2. Draws from local capacity building
3. Non-sustained funding and dependency
4. Culturally and socially problematic
5. Lack of standardization of NGO response
6. Difficult to coordinate and monitor
7. Local response organization overloaded

# WHOLE OF COMMUNITY APPROACH

**Everyone has a role in response  
and recovery**

- ✓ Federal, Territory, Local
- ✓ Nonprofit, Faith-Based
- ✓ Business
- ✓ Citizens

**Engage** the whole community to determine actual needs

**Empower** all parts of the community

**Strengthen** what works well



**USACE FLOOD  
FIGHT  
ASSISTANCE**

# Public Law 84-99

1. Disaster Preparedness Program
2. Emergency Operations
3. Rehabilitation of Flood Control Works
4. Emergency Water Supply
5. Advanced Measures
6. Hazard Mitigation



# FLOOD EMERGENCY RESPONSE

## Direct Assistance:

- Assist or direct flood fight operations
- Provide flood fight supplies
- Emergency contracting (no permanent work)

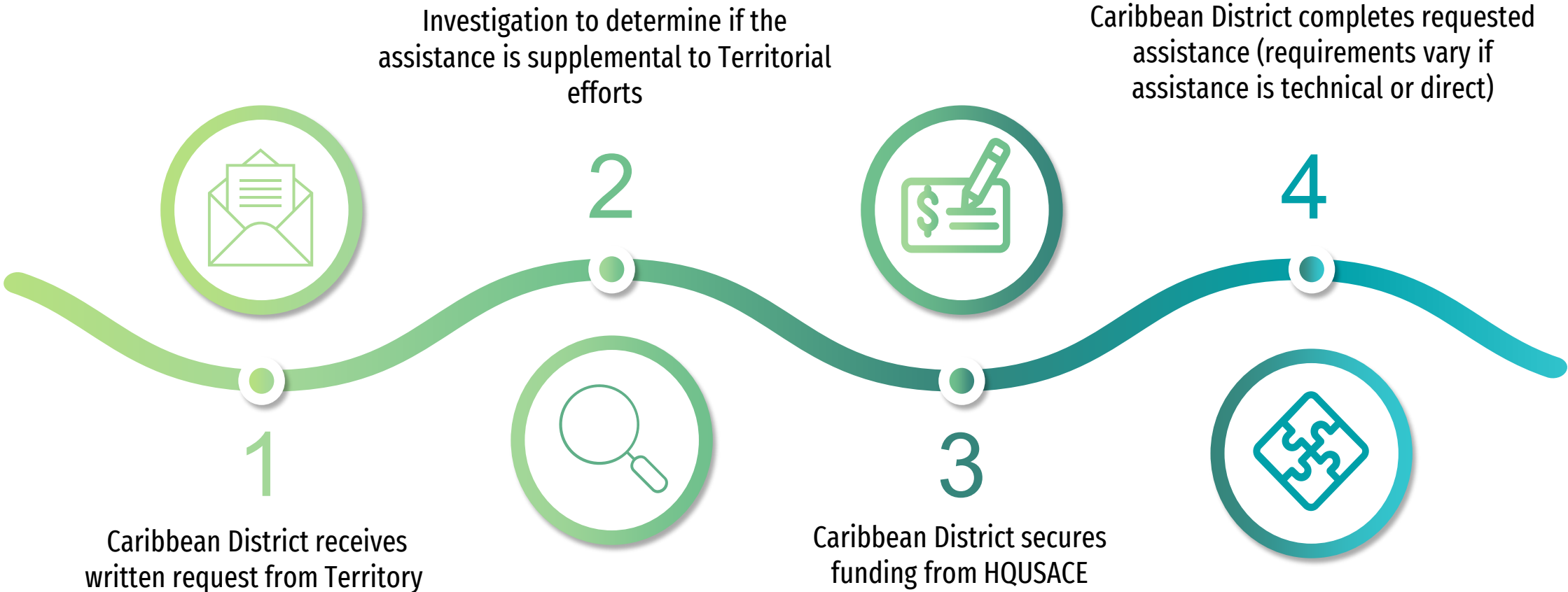
## Technical Assistance:

- Field investigations (e.g. levee assessment)
- Data collection (e.g. Hydrologic, hydraulic and/or geotechnical)
- GIS modeling

**ASSISTANCE MUST BE REQUESTED BY THE TERRITORY**



# REQUESTING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

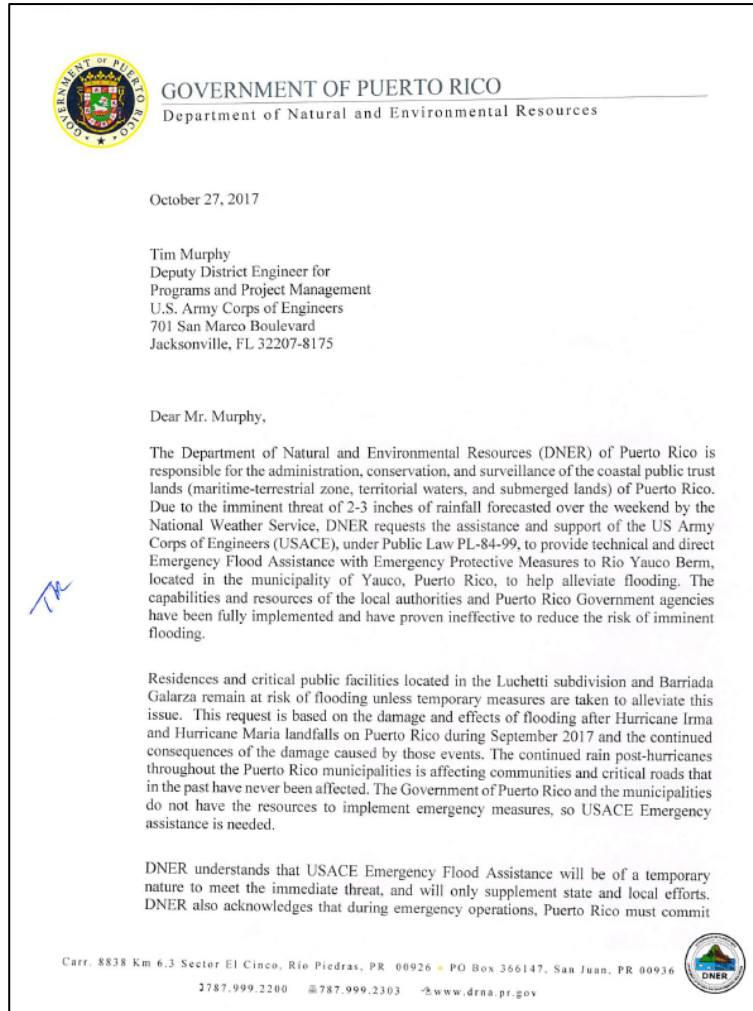


# PL 84-99 IN ACTION: EMERGENCY CONTRACTING IN PUERTO RICO

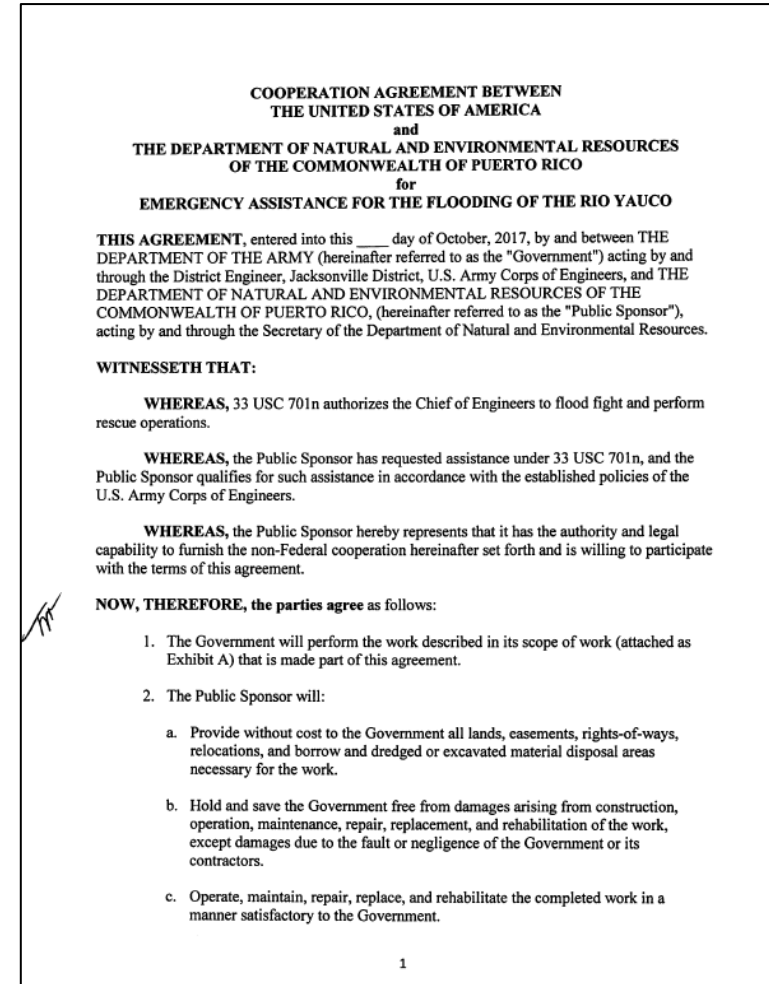
- In the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, the Yauco river burst over its banks into the Lucchetti community, destroying homes and forcing the evacuation of residents.
- USACE awarded a \$1.68 million contract to BIM Contractors LLC to construct a temporary levee and alleviate flooding.
- Construction crews were in place within four days of contract award.



# PL 84-99 IN ACTION: EMERGENCY CONTRACTING IN PUERTO RICO



Written request for assistance from Territory



Cooperation Agreement between USACE and Territory

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# **FEMA EMERGENCIES**

# USACE & ESF#3

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Under the National Response Framework, USACE is the lead agency for **Emergency Support Function (ESF) #3 – Public Works and Engineering**. USACE assists FEMA by coordinating federal public works and engineering-related support, as well as providing technical assistance, engineering expertise, and construction management to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and/or recover from domestic incidents.

## USACE Missions:

- Debris ● Blue Roof ● Temp Power
- Infrastructure Assessment ● Critical Public Facilities





# DEBRIS MANAGEMENT



- Collecting, hauling, reducing, and disposing of debris after a disaster
- Emergency clearance involves removing debris generated by a disaster
- FEMA debris eligibility requirements vary at each disaster

**Advanced Contracting Initiative (ACI) Contract:** In acquisition planning phase. Award expected in 2026. Updated every five years.

**Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ):** Contract to provide coverage until ACI is awarded.

- USACE Debris Program is working on Performance Work Statement (PWS) development and market research.





# TEMPORARY EMERGENCY POWER



- Assess requirements for emergency power of critical facilities
- Haul, install, operate, and maintain FEMA provided generators
- State and Local Officials determine priorities of installations

## ACI Contractor: WSP USA Solutions

- Small businesses can discuss with WSP on any subcontracting opportunities. WSP has a high subcontracting rate on all missions.
- Interested vendors should keep aware of any posting on SAM.gov.





# TEMPORARY ROOFING (BLUE ROOF)



- Protects property, reduces temporary housing costs, and allows residents to remain in their homes while recovering from the storm.
- Right of Entry (ROE) collection, Assessments, Quality Assurance (QA) and managerial duties.
- Installations are done by a Contractor.

## Contract List:

- **USVI:** Power & Instrumentation Svcs; Swan Contracting
- **Eastern PR:** Venegas JV; Ceres Environmental Services
- **Western PR:** Power & Instrumentation Svcs; Dynamic Construction Group

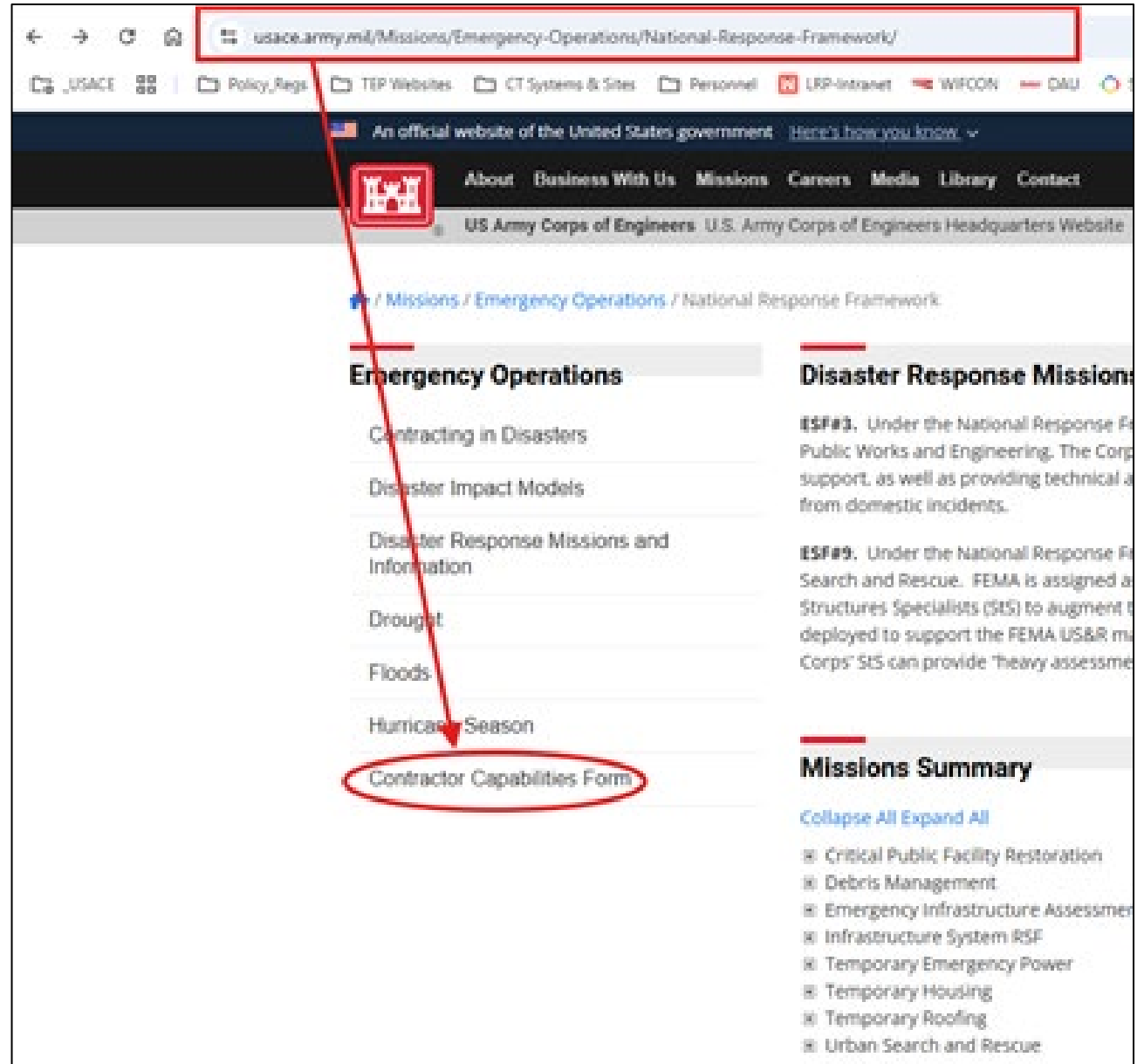
Primes will often hire subcontractors while executing.

During an event, [Blueroof.gov](http://Blueroof.gov) will have the Prime POC if a vendor would like to engage.



# HQUSACE EMERGENCY CONTRACTING

- Vendors are encouraged to submit a capabilities statement via our HQUSACE Emergency website:
  - <https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Emergency-Operations/National-Response-Framework/>
- Click on “Contractor Capabilities Form”

A screenshot of a web browser displaying the HQUSACE Emergency website. The browser's address bar shows the URL: [usace.army.mil/Missions/Emergency-Operations/National-Response-Framework/](https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Emergency-Operations/National-Response-Framework/). The website header includes the USACE logo and navigation links: "About", "Business With Us", "Missions", "Careers", "Media", "Library", and "Contact". The main content area features a "Missions / Emergency Operations / National Response Framework" breadcrumb trail. A left-hand navigation menu lists several categories: "Contracting in Disasters", "Disaster Impact Models", "Disaster Response Missions and Information", "Drought", "Floods", "Hurricane Season", and "Contractor Capabilities Form". The "Contractor Capabilities Form" link is circled in red. A red arrow points from the browser's address bar down to this circled link. On the right side of the page, there are sections for "Disaster Response Missions" and "Missions Summary".



# THANK YOU!

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