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**STATE PROCUREMENT AND EMERGENCY/DISASTER PREPAREDNESS:**

NASPO Releases “Emergency Response for State Procurement Officials”

The tragedies of 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina forced those responsible for disaster preparedness, response, and recovery to re-think the traditional way of addressing local, state, and national emergencies. Emergencies today can include a variety of natural and man-made disasters and situations requiring an emergency response.

State procurement officials occupy a unique position in the structure of emergency management. It is essential that proper planning be executed prior to any disaster to facilitate the acquisition and delivery of critical supplies including (but certainly not limited to) food, shelter, water, and medical supplies.

“Emergency Response for State Procurement Officials” is a whitepaper written by state procurement officials and designed to be used by state procurement officials. It offers tips, guidelines, and resources related to the structure of emergency management and the procurement office’s role. Specifically, the paper addresses:

- Planning
- Response
- Resource Management
- Recovery
- Training and Exercising, and
- Key Financial Concepts

This valuable resource is a must-read for all state, local, and agency procurement officers, as well as executive agency staff responsible for understanding the essential role of procurement in disaster response and recovery.

The whitepaper is available for free and public download on the NASPO website:

<http://www.naspo.org>.

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