

**PUBLIC ASSISTANCE  
ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURE  
PILOT PROGRAM  
DEBRIS**

**Arlington, TX  
July 17, 2013**

# SANDY RECOVERY IMPROVEMENT ACT (SRIA)

- Amends Title IV of Stafford Act by adding § 428, which authorizes alternative procedures for PA.
- Authorizes FEMA to implement the procedures (PAAP) through a Pilot Program for 1 year.

113TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R. 152**

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## **AN ACT**

Making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, to improve and streamline disaster assistance for Hurricane Sandy, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

# GOALS FOR PAAP

- Reducing the costs to the federal government of providing PA.
- Increasing flexibility
- Expediting the provision of assistance
- Providing financial incentives and disincentives for timely and cost effective completion of projects.



# APPLICATION OF PAAP TO DEBRIS REMOVAL

- Sliding scale to determine Federal Share
- Use of income from recycled debris
- Reimbursement of Straight Time
- Incentives to have
  - debris management plan approved
  - pre-qualified contractors



# APPLICABILITY

- Applies to eligible applicants
- Voluntary
- Applicants sign acknowledgement of procedures
- Applies to large projects



# LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND POLICIES

- **Must follow PAAP Pilot Program Guide, for those elements excepted by the provisions of the law.**
- **Other statutory, regulatory and policy requirements of PA still apply.**
- **Must comply with other Federal requirements—EHP laws, regulations and executive orders.**

# ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES

- Eligible applicants must request to participate
- Sliding Scale
  - 0-30 days 85%
  - 31-90 days 80%
  - 91-180 days 75%
- Does not apply to DFA
- Cannot go back to standard procedures



# ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES

- Recycling Revenues
  - You can keep them!\*
  - Notify Grantee of Revenue
  - Include
    - completion date
    - quantity and types of debris recycled
    - Cost for processing debris
    - Whether using recycled debris
  - Grantee forwards to FEMA
  - Cost of establishing recycling program is ineligible
- Can use this procedure in combination with any other procedure or on its own





# ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES

- Recycling Revenues cont'd
  - \* Must be used for authorized purpose
    - Cost Share
    - Disaster Planning
    - Activities that reduce future risk
    - Improve future debris ops or planning
  - If revenues are not used for an authorized purpose, grant will be reduced by amount of revenue



# ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES

- **Straight Time Force Account Labor**
  - Can be used with any other alternative or on its own
  - Applies to both large and small projects
- **Debris Management Plans**
  - Can increase effectiveness of debris management Ops
  - If in place before 1<sup>st</sup> day of incident period, FEMA provides applicant a one-time incentive of 2% to debris removal completed within 90 days. 1 time during the whole pilot—not each disaster.



# ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES

- Debris Plan Elements are found in the *Public Assistance Alternative Procedures Pilot Program Guide for Debris Removal*.
- Applicants must have a least one pre-qualified contractor.
- Content of plans will vary depending on:
  - State and local ordinances
  - zoning
  - location of critical infrastructure
  - Emergency services
  - disposal locations
  - other local factors



# GRANTS MANAGEMENT

- Applicants must
  - Complete work within regulatory time frames
  - Submit quarterly progress reports for large projects
  - Submit to the Grantee a final report of project costs



# GRANTS MANAGEMENT

- Grantees must
  - Provide funds to Applicant
  - Ensure that Applicants understand procurement procedures
    - 44 CFR Part 13, 2 CFR Part 215
    - OMB Circulars
  - Ensure that Applicants comply with EHP



# CLOSEOUT, APPEALS, AUDITS

- Closeout
  - SOW Completed
  - Applicant submits accounting to Grantee
  - Grantee provides to FEMA and requests closure
- Appeals – only
  - PW approval and obligation
  - Corrective actions resulting from compliance reviews/audits
- Audits and Compliance Reviews
  - OIG
  - FEMA

# QUESTIONS

