MISSION ASSIGNMENT PROCESS AND USACE OVERVIEW
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Authorities

- Stafford Act Section 402 (42 U.S.C. 5170a)
- Stafford Act Section 403 (42 U.S.C. 5170b)
  - Stafford Act Section 502 (42 U.S.C. 5192)
  - 44 CFR 206.5
  - 44 CFR 206.7
  - 44 CFR 206.8
  - 44 CFR 206.208
What Is a Mission Assignment (MA)?

- A Mission Assignment is a work order issued to a Federal agency by FEMA, directing completion by that agency of a specified task and setting forth funding, other managerial controls, and guidance.

- A Mission Assignment is a work order issued by FEMA to another Federal agency, with or without reimbursement, directing completion of a specific task, and citing funding, other managerial controls, and guidance.

References: 6 U.S.C. 741
42 U.S.C. 5170a
Stafford Act Section 402
Ways to Mission Assign

• Operational
• PSMA

• Operational mission assignments are created during an event between FEMA and a supporting agency.
• PSMA are pre-planned statements of work and cost estimates that have been discussed and agreed upon prior to an event.
Categories of Mission Assignments

1. Federal Operations Support (FOS)
2. Direct Federal Assistance (DFA)
Categories of Mission Assignments

- Federal Operations Support (FOS):
  - For any type of support to Federal responders
  - Requested by the Federal government
  - 100% federally funded
  - Eligible before or after declaration
  - Term FOS only found in FEMA policies

EXAMPLE: Mission Assignment to transport DHS/FEMA assets to X Location

References: 42 U.S.C. 5170a
Stafford Act Section 402
42 U.S.C. 5192
Stafford Act Section 502
Categories of Mission Assignments

- **Direct Federal Assistance (DFA)**
  - For goods and services beyond the State’s/Tribal’s capability to provide
  - Requested by the State/Tribal
  - Subject to State/Tribal cost share
  - Eligible *after* declaration

**EXAMPLE:** Mission Assignment to U.S. Army Corp of Engineers to perform debris removal

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- Stafford Act Section 502
Mission Assignment Process Overview

Criteria for MA Issuance

- **DFA must be completed within 60 days of the declaration in absence of extenuating circumstances**
- There is no specified time limitation to complete work for FOS mission assignments
- Involves ONLY non-permanent work
- Cannot be work that falls under the mission assigned agency’s inherent authorities
USACE Missions

• 48 Pre-Scripted Missions

• Most Often Used in Large Disasters
  – Debris Management
  – Power
  – Infrastructure Assessment
  – Temporary Housing
  – Temporary Roofing
Temporary Housing “Trailer Parks”
Temporary Roofing “Blue Roof”
Debris Management
Power Mission
Examples of USACE Mission Assignments

- FOS - Critical Public Facilities, Pre-Declaration
- FOS - Infrastructure Assessment, Pre-Declaration
- FOS - Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Assessment, Post-Declaration
- FOS - Emergency Power, Pre-Declaration
- DFA - Debris, Post-Declaration
- FOS/DFA - Infrastructure Assessment, Post-Declaration
- DFA - Temporary Roofing, Post-Declaration
- DFA - Drinking Water Safety/Water & Wastewater Infrastructure Assessment and Repair, Post-Declaration
- FOS – Temporary Roofing, Post-Declaration
- FOS/DFA – Temporary Housing
Questions