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Managing Disaster Recovery Projects, Part 1: Understanding the Rules

December 11, 2026 | 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM | Zoom Webinar (Register Here)

Session 1: North Carolina Procurement Basics

- Terminology overview
- Classifying contracts by type
- Informal and formal bidding thresholds
- Construction bidding procedures: advertisement, bid security, bid opening
- Determining responsiveness and responsibility
- Statutory exceptions: sole source, emergency, piggybacking and cooperatives
- Overview of bonds: bid, performance and payment
- The award process: award, rejection and rebidding

Session 2: Who Does What in Procurement and Contracting

- Roles of the governing board, manager, finance officer, COG or grant administrator, engineer or architect, contractor and funding agency
- Governing board authority and delegation to staff
- Why engineer approval, local government authorization and funding agency approval are separate questions
- Conflicts of interest considerations under state law and federal rules

Session 3: Architects, Engineers and Alternative Construction Delivery

- Qualifications-based selection under G.S. 143-64.31
- When exemptions are available under North Carolina law
- Alternative construction delivery methods
- Construction management, grant administrators, consultants and related services

Session 4: What Federal Funding Adds

- Federal competition standards and additional solicitation requirements
- Debarment and suspension
- Required federal contract clauses
- Cost or price analysis and documentation
- Davis-Bacon Related Acts/wage requirements
- Build America, Buy America (BABA)/American Iron and Steel
- Uniform Relocation Act
- HUD-related requirements (Section 3)
- Socioeconomic contracting requirements