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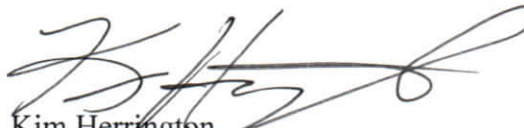
MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, UNITED STATES CYBER  
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SUBJECT: Emergency Acquisition Flexibilities – Disaster or Emergency Assistance Activities

Immediate action to respond to an emergency or recover from a major disaster is vital. In 2019 alone, the President issued 13 emergency and 56 major disaster declarations. In support of these activities, our contracting officers have an array of emergency acquisition flexibilities available for their use to expedite the delivery of critical supplies and services. Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 18.2 and Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Subpart 218.2 outline those emergency acquisition flexibilities. Additionally, FAR Subpart 18.1 and DFARS Subpart 218.1 provide contracting officers other available acquisition flexibilities when certain conditions are met.

The purpose of this memorandum is to remind heads of contracting activity that they have delegated authority to invoke emergency acquisition flexibilities, such as increased acquisition thresholds (FAR 2.101 and FAR 13.5), when the President has made a major disaster or emergency declaration and they determine the acquisition supports disaster or emergency assistance activities. This delegation expedites the delivery of supplies and services when time is of the essence.

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