



# DISASTER HAPPENS. ARE YOU PREPARED?



## IBTS NOW PROVIDES DISASTER PLANNING AND RECOVERY EXPERTISE ACCESS TO NACo MEMBER COUNTIES

The National Association of Counties (NACo) and the Institute for Building Technology and Safety (IBTS), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, have entered into an agreement that offers NACo members access to pre-event contracts ahead of a disaster for recovery services. Establishing a relationship with a firm that has already been vetted can accelerate counties' time to recovery.

Under the agreement, members have access to subrecipient agreements, disaster planning and plan activation, initial disaster response, post disaster phase, recovery administration, active recovery, grant closeout, resilience planning, and other associated shared services.

### ◆ Disaster Planning

- Proper procurement of professional services
- Funding options support
- Policy review
- Recovery strategies

### ◆ Post-Disaster Phase

- Debris removal and monitoring
- Infrastructure restoration
- Temporary housing
- FEMA mapping services
- FEMA grant management

### ◆ Grant Close-out

- Compliance and monitoring services
- Grant audit preparation
- Documentation and reporting
- Final inspection
- Close-out accounting services

### ◆ Disaster Plan Activation

- Communication coordination program services
- Emergency management
- Local police and fire services
- Staffing assistance

### ◆ Disaster Recovery Admin.

- HUD action plan services
- Needs assessments
- Policy and procedure management
- Stakeholder outreach

### ◆ Resilience Planning

- Lessons learned services
- Disaster plan review and revision
- Local codes and ordinance review and revision
- Local organizational review

### ◆ Initial Disaster Response

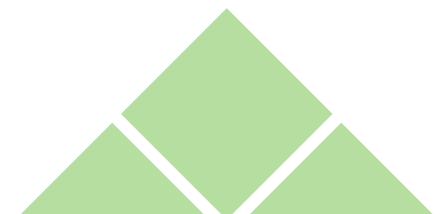
- Rescue and medical services
- Initial damage assessments
- Temporary shelters and utility infrastructure
- State and Federal interface

### ◆ Active Disaster Recovery

- Damage assessments for long-term funding
- Project scoping
- Contractor procurement
- Customer/stakeholder services
- Construction management
- Funding agency appeals

### ◆ Subrecipient Services

- Faster and easier procurement
- Lower hourly rates



# IBTS DISASTER MANAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Augment your government's abilities to plan, respond, and recover from disasters.

Access experienced disaster response teams who:

- Understand political challenges and respond with effective communication plans
- Recognize physical challenges of crippled infrastructure and mass debris
- Navigate post-disaster regulatory compliance demands
- Assess damage and engage private sector, restoring homes and other infrastructure:
  - Estimation support
  - Environmental risk management
  - Contractor bid development
  - Code enforcement
  - Construction management
- Develop architectural and engineering specifications to guide reconstruction and rehabilitation work
- Value the importance of maintaining community character
- Effectively implement preservation and restoration of treasured historical assets
- Understand benefit-management challenges of distributing relief funds to citizens

## Performing as a Grant Subrecipient

- CDBG-DR "open" procurement requirements are waived with this structure, which can save a community over 90 days for typical procurement
- As a subrecipient, IBTS is limited to "Direct Costs" only, which reduces hourly rates
- Sharing the implementation and execution of grant funds with the community



## Providing Pre-Disaster Mitigation Planning

FEMA requires state and local governments to develop and adopt hazard mitigation plans as a condition for receiving certain types of non-emergency disaster assistance.

Thanks to the agreement, NACo members can access disaster experts and educators that offer training and preparedness solutions. Counties benefit from services ranging from community outreach and counseling, debris removal, environmental risk management, and resilience planning. These custom programs range from key manager point discussions and seminars to comprehensive community disaster management planning action—offered on an à la carte or subscription basis.




IBTS bases resilience planning on forward-looking, science-based local disaster recovery preparation that addresses recovery, resilience, and revitalization needs. We assist communities in planning and implementing disaster recovery efforts that makes them more resilient to future threats, hazards, or economic stresses, while also improving quality of life for residents.

Community leadership and facility managers can engage with IBTS for a working mitigation program, which prepares county management to respond quickly when disaster strikes.

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