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**September 26, 2006:** TIME EXTENSIONS, any project, large or small, Categories A - G, NOT completed should have a time extension submitted for all 2004 declared events. Categories A & B for 2005 declared events.

**August 8, 2006:** Public Assistance Waiver Requests
Applicants who can demonstrate a financial hardship to meet their Non-Federal Share matching requirements for the Public Assistance program can apply to the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget for a waiver. If you believe you are eligible for a waiver, please complete the request form (DOC or PDF) sign and return to the Executive Office of the Governor, Office of Policy and Budget, The Capitol, Room 1802, Tallahassee, 32399-0001, Attention: Ms. Angela Peterson. If you have questions concerning the waiver process, Ms. Peterson can be reached at 850-922-7196

**May 25, 2006:** 2006 Play Book
Policies, Disaster Specific Guidance and FEMA Fact Sheets that will be used by the FEMA PA Branch at the Long Term Recovery Office for the 2006 storm season will be posted on the PA Info page under the 2006 Play Book. Check this area often for additions and updates.

**May 16, 2006:** Executive Order 06-108
Governor Bush issued Executive Order 06-108 stating that the current fires and weather conditions threaten the state with a major disaster. The Governor also submitted a request for a fire management assistance declaration to the FEMA Regional Director. All potential applicants, and organizations fighting the fires, or tasked by the Department of Forestry or Department of Community Affairs for fire related work should keep detailed documentation of their costs. Additional information is provided in PA Info.

**March 1, 2006:** Deadline Notice for Mutual Aid Claims to be paid by the State for the 2005 Florida Hurricane Declarations
The deadline for receipt of mutual aid claims by the Department of Financial Services (ESF #4&9 Fire/Search&Rescue) and by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (ESF #16 Law Enforcement) as a result of Hurricanes Dennis, Katrina, & Rita is March 31, 2006; and for Hurricane Wilma, April 30, 2006. The State only pays those fire and law enforcement claims for mutual aid services that were directly ordered from these State EOC Emergency Support Functions. Fire and Law Enforcement Claims that were not requested by these ESFs, and claims for other types of services, should be submitted to the party that requested the services. Assistance to determine eligibility for State Payment may be obtained from Charles Bartel at (850) 414-7566 or at charles.bartel@dca.state.fl.us.

**Nov 4, 2005:** Florida counties declared for Public Assistance for Hurricane Wilma
FEMA-1609-DR-FL
The following counties (Map) are currently declared for Categories A-G: Brevard, Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Indian River, Lee,
Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie. In addition, the following counties are declared for only Categories A & B: DeSoto, Osceola, and Polk.

**Sep 20, 2005:** Florida counties declared for Public Assistance for Hurricane Rita FEMA-3259-EM-FL
The following counties (Map) are declared for category B: Broward, Collier, Miami-Dade, and Monroe.

For a period of up to 72 hours, assistance for emergency protective measures, including direct Federal assistance, will be provided at 100 percent of the total eligible costs. The period of up to 72 hours at 100 percent excludes debris removal.

**Sep 14 2005:** Additional Guidance for Sheltering and EMAC Activities associated with Hurricane Katrina (FEMA-3220-EM-FL).
Please see the attached documents (PDF) for guidance provided by The State of Florida and FEMA to facilitate reimbursement for expenses associated with sheltering evacuees (PDF) and providing services (PDF) to areas struck by Hurricane Katrina.

**Sep 6, 2005:** Florida counties declared for Public Assistance for Hurricane Katrina FEMA-1602-DR-FL
The following counties (Map) are declared for categories A through G: Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Bay, Escambia, Gulf, Collier, Franklin, Okaloosa, Walton and Santa Rosa.

For a period of up to 72 hours, assistance for emergency protective measures, including direct Federal assistance, will be provided at 100 percent of the total eligible costs. The period of up to 72 hours at 100 percent excludes debris removal.

**Sep 5, 2005:** Florida declared for Emergency Work related to assisting evacuees from neighboring areas affected by Hurricane Katrina's second U.S. Landfall (FEMA-3220-EM-FL).
The State of Florida including all 67 counties (Map) are declared for category B to assist evacuees from areas struck by Hurricane Katrina. Assistance for emergency protective measures, including direct Federal assistance, will be provided at 100 percent of the total eligible costs.

Please note that any eligible work conducted for this event at the request of the State EOC should be billed to the lead ESF requesting the work provided. Please see attached guidance information (more).

**Aug 19, 2005:** Florida counties declared for Public Assistance
The following counties (Map) are declared for categories A-G: Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Washington, Holmes, Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Franklin, Liberty, Wakulla, Leon, Jefferson, Dixie, Levy, Gadsden, Jackson and Taylor.
For a period of up to 72 hours, assistance for emergency protective measures, including direct Federal assistance, will be provided at 100 percent of the total eligible costs. The period of up to 72 hours at 100 percent excludes debris removal.

**Aug 18, 2005: Deadline Notice for State Payment of Mutual Aid Claims**
The deadline for receipt of mutual aid claims by the Department of Financial Services (ESF#4&9 fire missions) and by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (ESF#16 law enforcement missions) as a result of the 2004 Hurricanes is September 9, 2005. Claims will be considered submitted by the deadline upon receipt of the completed SMAA Claim Narrative Form and available supporting documentation. Perfection of the claims may be allowed later if the costs are estimated and/or if all necessary and required documentation is not included in the initial submission. Receipt of claims, or appropriate notice thereof, after the deadline may not be considered for State payment but may still be eligible for submittal to local requesters. For additional information, please contact Charles Bartel at (850) 414-7566 or charles.bartel@dca.state.fl.us

**Jun 20, 2005: Quarterly Reports Deadline Extended for 2004 Hurricanes**
The quarterly report requirement for approved large projects has been suspended for the current quarter. The deadline for submission of the next quarter's reports will be January 15, 2006.