Introduction

Florida experiences different types of emergency events that often causes severe damage to the transportation infrastructure. Any time this occurs, it is the Department's top priority to get critical roadways back open and operational as quickly as possible.

There are two types of emergencies that can affect the State transportation system: Department-related events such as bridge hits; and natural or other types of disasters such as hurricanes.

Response and recovery efforts for both event types require different approval processes within the Department when seeking emergency contracting. This document will provide a brief overview of each, and additional guidance is either are referenced or linked below.

The details provided below are informational in nature and can change based on a specific event. Therefore, it is critical to always reach out to the appropriate offices for all emergency contracting information.

Emergency Types

Department Emergencies – Those emergencies that stem from an event or occurrence that require repair or restoration of state transportation facilities (roads, bridges, etc.) not caused by a natural disaster or related to any event that receives a Governor's Declaration. The emergency procurement guidance for this event type can be found in the ***Commodities and Contractual Services Procurement Manual, Chapter 10***.

Governor-Declared Emergencies - Those emergencies that stem from natural disasters or other events that create an immediate need for assistance requiring the Governor to waive certain restrictions to ensure timely response and recovery efforts. Once the Governor's Executive Order has been issued, the Secretary will then issue an Emergency Order specifying which items in the Governor's Executive Order is applicable to the Department. Please read these orders carefully as they are not always identical. FDOT Procedure 375-040-130, Emergency Procurement, details this process and the types of contracts that can be used for these events.

Emergency contracts used during Governor-declared events require prior approval from the Central Office Executive team in conjunction with the Central Office (CO) Emergency Management office. Any questions related to this process can be addressed by the CO Emergency Management Emergency Coordination Officer. Emergency contracts are not typically used for permanent work. Permanent work requires regular procurement procedures to be used and usually requires prior authorization from Federal partners prior to use. Please contact your District Maintenance Engineer or CO Emergency Management Office prior to letting any contracts for permanent or emergency work related to events for the most current guidance.