

# An Introductory Guide to Government Contracting for Hurricane Recovery in North Carolina

In the wake of Hurricane Helene’s devastating impact on Western North Carolina, the state faces the need for reconstruction and recovery efforts. Contractors and service providers have a unique opportunity to contribute to the rebuilding process through potential state and federal contracts. This list of resources from the state’s procurement system, eProcurement, has been compiled to assist organizations in navigating the state contracting process. In addition, you will find information regarding registration for federal contracting opportunities and working with FEMA. Whether you’re looking to provide emergency services, infrastructure repair, or community rebuilding support, this guide will help you through the necessary steps to become involved in the recovery process.



## HOW TO BECOME A NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONTRACT VENDOR

- North Carolina eProcurement**  
To do business with the state of North Carolina, vendor must register their company on the electronic Vendor Portal (eVP) and are required to manage their own account and keep it fully up to date.
- Solicitations**  
Watch for relevant solicitations. All solicitations will be posted in eVP. Vendors will respond in eVP or through the Ariba Business Network.
- HUBZone and NC Small Business Enterprise Registration (if applicable)**  
Vendors may register for NC eProcurement and begin the Historically Underutilized Business and/or North Carolina Small Business Enterprise application processes all from the same eVP account registration.
- Purchase Order Statuses**  
Vendors using an Ariba Network account to do business with the state of North Carolina can create order confirmations, ship notices, or reject the entire order.
- Collaboration Requests**  
Collaboration Requests are used by NC eProcurement buyers to work with multiple vendors on the best pricing for goods and services. Vendors will receive a notification that they have been sent a collaboration request and can then choose to respond with a quote, called a collaboration proposal, for the requested items. After the collaboration request has been closed, the buyer can then review all received responses and work with the vendor that sent in the best proposal for the goods and/or services.

**For state contracting assistance:  
North Carolina SBTDc**  
Statewide Administrative Office  
5 West Hargett Street, Suite 600  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601  
(919) 715-7272 - info@sbtdc.org

Find your local office:  
<https://sbtdc.org/locations>



**Affected Counties:** Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Gaston, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Iredell, Jackson, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes, Yancey, Mecklenburg, Surry, Swain, and Yadkin



## NORTH CAROLINA EPROCUREMENT & SOLICITATION LINKS

**Registering in eVP**  
Guide: [Job Aid](#)

**HUB Registration**  
Guide: [Job Aid](#)

**Managing eVP Account and Contacts**  
Guide: [Job Aid](#)

**NCSBE Registration**  
Guide: [Job Aid](#)

**Selecting Commodity Codes in eVP**  
Guide: [Job Aid](#)

**HUB and NCSBE Recertification**  
Guide: [Job Aid](#)



## SOLICITATIONS LINKS

**Viewing and Responding to Solicitations in eVP**  
Guide: [Job Aid](#)

**Accessing the Ariba Network**  
Guide: [Job Aid](#)

**Responding to an Ariba Sourcing Event**  
Guide: [Job Aid](#)



## PURCHASE ORDER STATUS LINKS

**Accessing the Ariba Network**  
Guide: [Job Aid](#)

**Updating Purchase Order Status**  
Guide: [Job Aid](#)



## COLLABORATION REQUEST LINKS

**Accessing the Ariba Network**  
Guide: [Job Aid](#)

**Responding to a Collaboration Request**  
Guide: [Job Aid](#)

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## FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DISASTER RECOVERY CONTRACTING

*Federal participation is separate from state requirements. The information provided here is to give you a full picture of how to engage in both state and federal contracting for disaster recovery efforts.*

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| <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Register with SAM.gov</b><br/>SAM.gov is the federal government's portal for managing procurement and contracts. To compete for federal disaster recovery contracts, your business must be registered and assigned a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and Cage Code. Visit <a href="https://sam.gov">SAM.gov</a> for more information on registration.</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>FEMA Industry Liaison Program</b><br/>The FEMA Industry Liaison Program (ILP) connects private sector businesses with FEMA's contracting needs. By submitting a vendor profile, businesses can be considered for contracts related to disaster recovery. Learn more: <a href="#">Doing Business with FEMA</a>.</p> |
| <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Vendor Registration</b><br/>If your business specializes in construction, engineering, or public works, you may want to register. The USACE manages disaster recovery efforts, particularly in infrastructure rebuilding. For more information, visit <a href="#">USACE Contractor Database</a>.</p>                | <p><b>For federal contracting assistance:</b><br/><b>NCMBC</b><br/>Fayetteville Technical Community College<br/>2201 Hull Road<br/>Fayetteville, NC 28302<br/>(910) 678-0172</p> <p>Find your local office:<br/><a href="#">Business Development Team Map</a></p>   |



## FEDERAL SOLICITATION LINKS

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| <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>System for Award Management (SAM)</b></p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Prime Subcontracting Opportunities</b></p> |
| <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Unison Marketplace</b></p>                |   |