

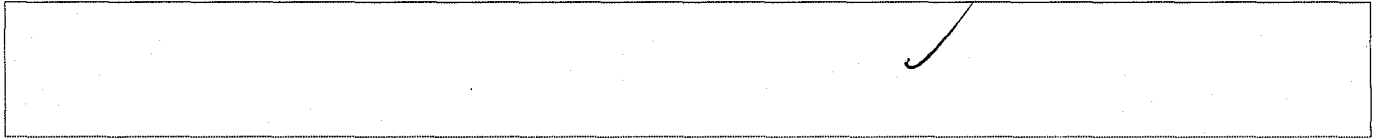
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FEMA purchasing a range of emergency supplies and services

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By: [Jacob Goodwin](#)

As one might imagine, FEMA must procure a wide range of products and services as it attempts to implement a sweeping disaster relief operation in the wake of Hurricane Sandy.



Stage 2 baby food

This is being illustrated by the growing list of emergency supplies it is planning to purchase, and the roster of contracts awarded recently to selected vendors. Here is a representative list:

- **Baby food** -- FEMA's logistics branch issued a solicitation on Nov. 1 (with a one-day turnaround) for 38,000 jars of what's called "Stage 2 baby food," which would be delivered to East Farmingdale, NY, a city on Long Island. The required baby food must have an equal distribution of veggies, fruit and meat, says FEMA's solicitation, and come in 3.5 to 4 ounce jars, which each must have a shelf life of three months. More info is available from Carolyn Knight, a contract specialist, at 202-646-3977 or carolyn.knought@fema.dhs.gov.
- **Water tankers** -- The acquisition operations division has issued a "sources sought" notice intended for vendors who could supply two non-potable water tankers (each with a capacity of 500 to 1,000 gallons) to be used in the greater NYC and Long Island areas for urban search and rescue missions. The vehicles would be rented or leased by FEMA for about seven days, and must be provided along with drivers.
- **Kosher meals** -- FEMA awarded a contract worth \$387,852 to a vendor called My Own Meals, Inc., based in Deerfield, IL, to supply 100,000 kosher meals to Lakehurst, NJ, and 20,000 additional kosher meals to East Farmingdale, NY. *GSN* initially reported on this FEMA solicitation on November 1.
- **Accommodations** -- FEMA's support services branch has released a sources sought notice for potential suppliers of accommodations (including beds, showers and latrines) for 600 to 700 first responders somewhere in the vicinity of Queens, NY. FEMA asks prospective suppliers to "provide information on foot print of how much land will be needed to place these accommodations." Further information is available from Zahra Hashmi, a contracting officer, at 202-646-7072 or zahra.hashmi@fema.dhs.gov.
- **Translation services** -- FEMA needs American Sign Language translation services, on a short-notice, on-call basis, within the State of Connecticut. Further information is available from Douglas Porter at douglas.porter@fema.dhs.gov.
- **Sleeping costs** -- Also in Connecticut, in the city of Hartford, the same Douglas Porter has issued a sources sought notice for 50 adjustable height sleeping cots, complete with mattress pads, for immediate delivery.

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FEMA will distribute at least 120,000 kosher meals in hurricane-stricken areas

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By: Jacob Goodwin

As part of its effort to feed victims of Hurricane Sandy on Long Island and in New Jersey, FEMA plans to procure 120,000 kosher meals for delivery on Nov. 2



The agency issued a solicitation on Oct. 31, and informed prospective suppliers that they needed to respond with pricing by 4:00 PM on the same day, to compete for its firm-fixed price contract.

FEMA wants 100,000 kosher meals delivered to the Lakehurst naval air station in Lakehurst, NJ, in the middle of that ravaged state, and another 20,000 kosher meals delivered in East Farmingdale, NY, on Long Island, where thousands of residents are without homes or electricity.

The kosher meals, probably intended for observant Jews, represent only a portion of the meals that FEMA and the Red Cross will be distributing.

During a press conference on Nov. 1, Charley Shimanski, senior vice president for disaster services at the Red Cross, said his organization will be supplying "a quarter million to half a million meals per day."

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