

## Federal Acquisition Regulation

## 18.204

for use of the test program may be increased when it is determined the acquisition is to facilitate defense against or recovery from nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological attack. (See 13.500(e).)

### 18.203 Emergency declaration or major disaster declaration.

(a) *Disaster or emergency assistance activities.* Preference will be given to local organizations, firms, and individuals when contracting for major disaster or emergency assistance activities when the President has made a declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. Preference may take the form of local area set-asides or an evaluation preference. (See 6.208 and Subpart 26.2.)

(b) *Ocean transportation by U.S. flag vessels.* The provisions of the Cargo Preference Act of 1954 may be waived in emergency situations. (See 47.502(c).)

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### 18.204 Resources.

(a) *National Response Framework.* The National Response Framework (NRF)

is a guide to how the Nation conducts all-hazards response. This key document establishes a comprehensive, national, all-hazards approach to domestic incident response. The Framework identifies the key response principles, roles and structures that organize national response. It describes how communities, States, the Federal Government, the private-sector, and non-governmental partners apply these principles for a coordinated, effective national response. It also describes special circumstances where the Federal Government exercises a larger role, including incidents where Federal interests are involved and catastrophic incidents where a State would require significant support. The NRF is available at <http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nrf/>.

(b) *OFPP Guidelines.* The Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) “Emergency Acquisitions Guide” is available at [http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/assets/procurement\\_guides/emergency\\_acquisitions\\_guide.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/assets/procurement_guides/emergency_acquisitions_guide.pdf)’.

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