

Letter of Agreement

The Federal Response Plan (FRP) describes the mechanism and structure by which the Federal Government mobilizes resources and conducts activities to address the consequences of any major disaster or emergency that overwhelms the capabilities of State and local governments. Federal assistance is available under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as well as individual agency authorities, to save lives; protect public health, safety, and property; alleviate damage and hardship; and reduce future vulnerability.

By signing this letter of agreement, Federal departments and agencies commit to:

- ⌘ Support the FRP concept of operations and carry out their assigned functional responsibilities to ensure the orderly, timely delivery of Federal assistance;
- ⌘ Cooperate with the Federal Coordinating Officer appointed by the President to provide effective oversight of disaster operations;
- ⌘ Make maximum use of existing authorities, organizations, resources, systems, and programs to reduce disaster relief costs;
- ⌘ Form partnerships with counterpart State agencies, voluntary disaster relief organizations, and the private sector to take advantage of all existing resources; and
- ⌘ Continue to develop and refine headquarters and regional planning, exercise, and training activities to maintain necessary operational capabilities.

Signatures to the FRP are not incorporated in the interim version, but will be included in the subsequent edition.