Mississippi Private Sector Coordination Support Annex

Coordinating Agency

Mississippi Emergency Management Agency
Office of the Governor

Federal Coordinating Agency

Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Support Agencies

Mississippi Department of Public Safety/Office of Homeland Security
Mississippi Department of Employment Security
Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration
Mississippi State Department of Health
All Other State Agencies

Federal Cooperating Agencies

U.S. Department of Commerce
U.S. Department of Labor
All Other Federal Agencies

Introduction

General

In the State of Mississippi, the private sector constitutes approximately 80% of the economy. Business is in the unique position of understanding both the immediate and subsequent impact during and after an incident or emergency to supply chains and the massive re-leveraging of resources and assets needed to recover, stabilize, restore confidence in, and reconstitute parts of the economy.

During such events, certain critical infrastructures and key resources are essential to the ability of state, local, and tribal governments to act to save lives, maintain public safety, minimize physical and cascading damage, and reduce economic and psychological impact.

Purpose

The annex describes the policies, responsibilities, and concept of operations for state incident management activities involving the private sector during incident management involving coordinated state response. This annex further describes all activities and resources necessary to ensure effective coordination and integration with the private sector, both for-profit and not-for-profit, including the state’s critical infrastructure, key resources, other business and industry components, and not-for-profit organizations (sometimes called nongovernmental organizations NGOs), including those serving special needs populations, engaged in response and recovery.

Scope

This annex applies to all state agencies operating under the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) in incidents requiring a coordinated state response that involve the private sector in any of the following ways:

- Impacted organization or infrastructure.
Response resource.

- Regulated and/or responsible party.

- Member of the state emergency management organization.

For the purposes of this annex, the private sector is defined as organizations, including non-profits such as museums, academic or charitable institutions, which are not wholly or partially owned or operated by a government entity.

In addition, privately or publicly owned and operated institutions that fall within the definition of “critical infrastructure and key resource (CI/KR)”, as described in HSPD-7 “Critical Infrastructure identification, prioritization, and protection”, also are included in this annex (The CI/KR is maintained by Mississippi Office of Homeland Security).

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**Situation and Assumptions**

**Situation**

The CEMP supports the state’s commitment to ensure the orderly functioning of the economy and the reliability and availability of essential resources after an incident or emergency.

Cooperative relations are encouraged between private-sector organizations and state, local, and tribal authorities regarding prevention, preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery for actions related to an Incident of State Significance.

A process that supports collective decision making and action that engages the private sector at the strategic and operational levels is encouraged to ensure the effective and efficient use of private sector resources, as well as to shore up public and market confidence in times of crises or catastrophe.

**Assumptions**

- State government will make every effort to continue or protect existing contractual relations between state agencies and the private sector.

- State government will activate procedures as outlined in the Logistics Management Annex to elicit additional offers of goods and services from the private sector.

- State government will utilize procedures outlined in ESF #14 and support annexes for Volunteer and Donations Management.

- State government shall develop procedures to support two-way sharing of situational/operational information relative to an Incident of State Significance between private sector and state government.
Concept of Operations

The operational concept for incident management involving the private sector is the concept specified in the State CEMP, the National Response Framework (NRF), and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

The concept of operations in this annex covers the specific organizations and actions developed that are required to effectively and efficiently integrate incident management operations with the private sector.

State agencies/organizations that facilitate coordination with the private sector are designated to provide for critical needs as listed below:

- Processes to determine the impact of an incident on the sector involved, as well as to forecast cascading effects of interdependencies between sectors.

- Procedures for communication that facilitates a shared situational awareness across industry and infrastructure sectors and between the public and private sectors, including individuals with special needs.

- Procedures for coordination and priority-setting incident management support and response, and the rationing or prioritizing of the delivery of goods and services after an incident.

- Processes to inform state decision-makers to help determine appropriate recovery and reconstitution measures, particularly in cases where they may result in indemnity, liability, or business losses for the private sector.

Responsibilities

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- Designate liaison to oversee procedures with private sector entities as part of long term recovery.

- Sharing information, including threats and warnings, before, during, and after an incident.

- Other duties specific to an emergency or incident of national significance.

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- Maintain situational and operational awareness and disseminate alerts, warnings, and advisories for both government and private sector entities.

- Collaborate with other state agencies to encourage best practices for preparedness.

- Perform sector-wide preparedness planning.

- Perform integration of plans.

- Assist with initial assessment and provide information recommendations to key state and local elected officials.
• Coordinate needed resources in the protection of lives and property.

• Gather and disseminate through the Joint Information Center (JIC) information pertinent to the incident.

• Facilitate Statewide Mutual Aid Compact (SMAC) requirements based on the incident.

• All other needs as deemed appropriate.

DFA- Support

• When certain provisions are designated by the Governor or the Legislature during a disaster, DFA will assist MEMA with budgetary matters including earmarking special funds necessary for each disaster or emergency.

• During an emergency or disaster DFA will alert designated primary personnel and assign personnel to the SEOC in support of ESF 7 and Logistics support in purchasing and procurement.

• DFA will maintain proper documentation and provide to MEMA as related to purchasing and procurement.

• As required and in coordination with MEMA Logistics personnel, DFA will develop stand-by contracts with vendors for commodities and equipment as identified.

• As requested DFA will work with MEMA and other support agencies in the preparation and review of an after-action report. The after-action report identifies key problems, indicates how they are to be/were solved, and makes recommendations for improving response operations.

Review and Maintenance

As a minimum, the state agency contact will coordinate and conduct an annual review of this annex with all support agencies. Additional reviews may be conducted if experience with an incident or regulatory changes indicate a need. Recommendations for change will be submitted to MEMA for approval, publication, and distribution.