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How to Open a Shelter, Conduct Operations, and Avoid Mistakes.



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**Considerations when Using Contract Migrant Shelter Support** 

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#### Overview

- Introduction to IEM
- Why Use Contractors?
- Solicited vs Unsolicited Proposals
- Cost Estimates
- Pricing Considerations
- Contracting Considerations
- Summary





#### WORLD'S LARGEST WOMAN-OWNED FIRM SPECIALIZING IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Delivering Emergency Management, Homeland Security, National Security, Law Enforcement, Public Health, and Digital Services Solutions

Certified Woman-Owned Business in the State of New York



#### \$250+ Billion

Managed in Federal Funds using IEM software and tools



#### **Project Management**

1,000+ Projects Managed



#### 380 Billion Al-based Sims

COVID-19 Modeling Simulations Conducted in 2021



#### **Customers at All Levels**

HUD, FEMA, SBA, HHS, DOD, DHS, DOI, DOC, DOE, 50 States, 3 Territories, D.C., Tribal Nations, the Private Sector & International



#### 38+ Years

Applying Technology to Disasters, Emergencies and Risk



**1,200**+ Employees



#### \$1+ Billion

In Revenue (2017-2022)





#### End-to-End Solutions for Saving Lives and Protecting Communities



**Emergency Management:** All phases of preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation



Digital Citizen Services: Delivery of economic and other assistance to disaster survivors



Disaster Recovery: Managing each phase of the recovery process, from services to technologies



Homeland Security: Enabling preparedness, prevention and response capabilities for evolving threats



National Security: Science and technology solutions for advanced security and performance



Public Health: Internationally recognized team supporting policy, planning, modeling, and response



# Beyond Migrant Sheltering...

- Homelessness
- Natural Disasters
  - Preparedness
  - o Response
  - Recovery
  - Mitigation
- Mass Care
- Disaster Sheltering Support
- EOC Augmentation





## Homelessness Challenges...

- Many jurisdictions throughout the United States are having to issue contracts for everything from hoteling to catering to providing shelter staff.
- Types of Contracts and the Pricing methods vary and can either help or hinder your response.





## Why Use Contractors?

- Government staff have other duties
- Staff augmentation
- Specialties not available within workforce
- Cost savings
- Resource conservation or efficiencies



## Solicited vs Unsolicited Proposals

- Many jurisdictions are issuing Requests For Proposals (i.e., solicited)
- Many jurisdictions get <u>unsolicited</u> proposals
- Still must follow standard procurements
- Unsolicited can be used to give you ideas for technical approaches
- Great source for a cost <u>estimate</u>



### **Pricing Considerations**

- Firm-Fixed Price vs. Time & Materials vs. Cost Plus
- Straight Time & Overtime Rates vs. Blended Rates
- Travel Reimbursable vs. Inclusive Travel Rates
- No Overtime vs. Overtime
- Two Shifts vs. Three Shifts
- Contacted Numbers vs. Positions (Staffing Factors)
- How to save you money!





## Contracting Considerations

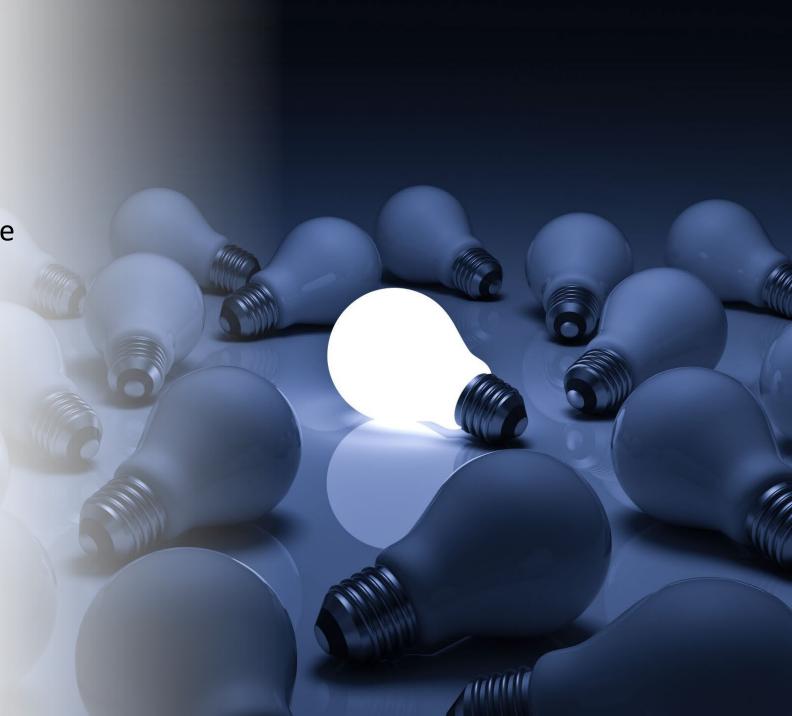
- Emergency Contract
- Sole Source
- Single Award
- Multiple Award
- "Standby" Contract





## Summary

- Contracts are a tool available to help you
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### IEM's Experience

IEM leads emergency response planning and preparedness projects throughout the nation. Our experience spans

- All 50 states
- Five U.S. territories
- FEMA's 10 regional offices and HQ

IEM has provided emergency management services for a variety of clients, including:

- Atlanta
- Boston
- California
- Chicago
- Dallas
- Denver
- Houston
- Los Angeles

- New York
- New York City
- Philadelphia
- Phoenix
- Salt Lake
- San Diego
- Seattle
- Washington, D.C.





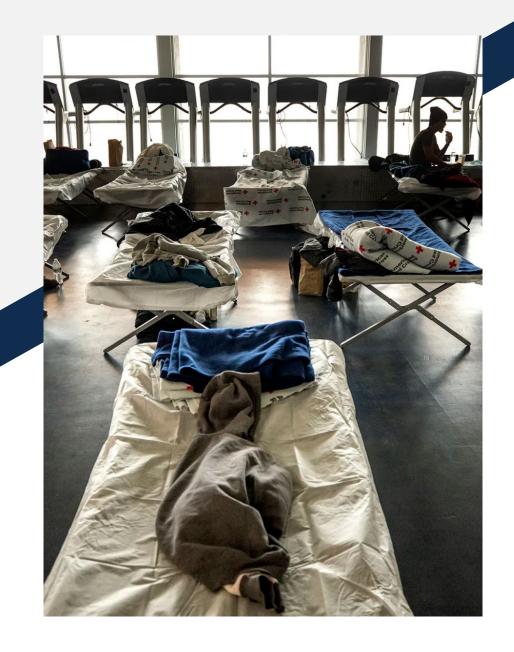
# Shelter Management Operations

### IEM can provide all-inclusive, wrap-around services:

Medical, mental, physical, and emotional wellness services; freshly prepared meal; personal care items; clean living space; case management; shelter support services; and onward travel services.

#### **Subject Matter Experts**

Advise on newly developed initiatives. Assist with big-picture, long-term planning.







## **General Sheltering Considerations**

### Typical considerations for mass-care and sheltering:

- Designated sleeping space for men/women/families
- Designated eating areas
- Recreation Areas
- Services for those with Access and Functional Needs





## **Sheltering Considerations**

Additional Sheltering Considerations Include:

- **Physical Location** of Shelter
- Language Access including Interpretation and Signage
- Private Space for Resource
   Navigators and Private Meeting





#### **Considerations Continued**

- **Services:** Meals and Donations
- Trauma-Informed Care
- Guest-Centered Services
- Travel Coordination: Daily Transportation and Long-Term Relocation
- Resources Needed for Operations



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#### **Overview**

- Protocols and Policies
- Operations: Staffing / Float Pool
- Safe Spaces for Guests and Staff
- Staff Training and Deployment Preparation
- Specialty Roles to Consider
- The IEM Way: A People-Centered Approach
- Remaining Flexible





# Protocols and Policies

- Emergency Action Plan
- Standard Operating Procedures
- Infection Control Plan
- De-escalation Protocols







## Shelter Operations: Staffing Considerations

- Flexible Staffing Plan
- "Volunteer" Overtime Opportunities
- Address Operational Gaps
- Prepare for Surge Needs



## Safe Spaces for Guests and Staff

Example: Calming Room for Conflict Resolution

- It's expected that some of the population in a shelter will be dealing with recent traumas:
  - Losing their home
  - Displaced to a new country and culture
  - Witnessing or experiencing injuries or violence
  - Grieving losses
  - Victims of trafficking or violence









## Staff Training and Deployment Preparation (cont'd)

#### Examples of Shelter-Specific Training:

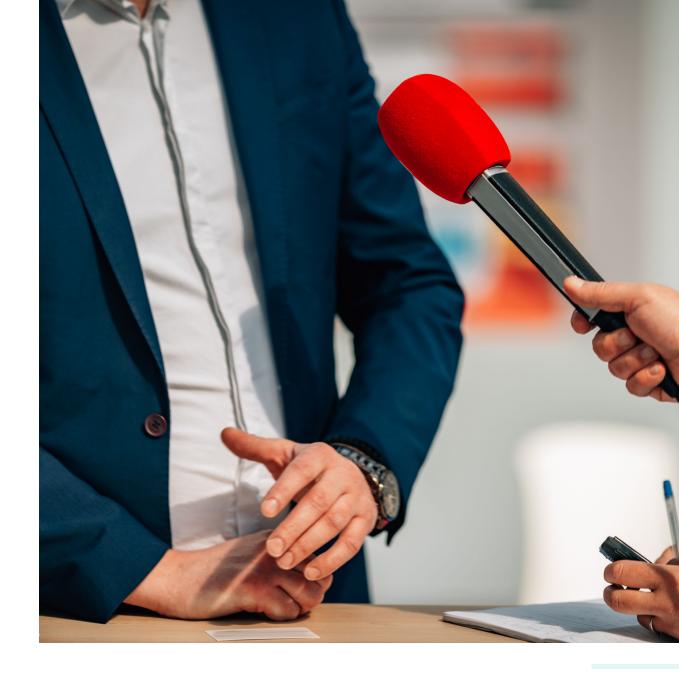
- Anti-discrimination
- Data Security, PII, PHI
- Incident Command Structure
- Cultural Competency, Human Trafficking, Trauma Informed Care
- De-escalation Techniques, Crisis Communications
- Applied Suicide Interventions (ASIST)





## Specialty Roles to Consider

- Public Information Officer
   (PIO) for media management
- Safety Officer(s)
- Transportation Liaisons
- Resource Navigators







### Focus on People

IEM's People-Centered Approach:

 Trauma-informed, survivor-centric, culturally competent solutions

**Delivering Effective Services:** 

 Transition and acclimation support for asylum seekers



### **Scalability and Flexibility**

- Staffing and Associated Services
- Facilities and Wrap Around Services
- Staffing Augmentation Support
- Rapid Mobilization of Teams and Management
- Data Capture and Reporting Dashboarding
- Contracts Management and Change Management
- Public Assistance and Grants Management
- Data Capture and Metrics Reporting



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