The primary mission of FEMA Logistics is to deliver the right resources, at the right place, at the right time, to support state, local, tribal governments and territories. Logistics delivers critical commodities and manufactured housing units to provide support during disaster operations. There are eight Logistics Distribution Centers strategically located in the United States and OCONUS to provide rapid logistical support. Also, Logistics has established commercial contracts and agreements with multiple public and private sector partners to provide additional support. Logistics establishes Incident Support Bases/Federal Staging Areas to quickly deliver resources to disaster survivors. The Logistics Management Directorate (LMD) is composed of four divisions:

The **Logistics Operations Division** provides FEMA’s single logistics focal point for executing, integrating, and synchronizing multi-discipline logistics operations. Logistics Operations is the lead for the FEMA Logistics Management Center (LMC), the Incident Support Base/Federal Staging Area program, the Responder Support Camp program and manages the Manufactured Housing Unit (MHU) Program, including two MHU storage sites.

The **Distribution Management Division** manages FEMA’s comprehensive supply chain, warehouse, and transportation operations and effectively and efficiently distributes supplies, equipment, and services to support domestic emergencies. The division manages the commodity supply chain: including planning, sourcing, inventory management, commodity storage, and transportation to disaster locations. Major program objectives: include planning, development and coordination for CONUS and OCONUS transportation and traffic management functions and comprehensive management of FEMA Logistics-owned and leased commercial transportation assets and services through the Fleet Management Program. The division also provides Quality Assurance (QA) functions in support of supply chain processes and disaster logistics efforts.

The **Incident Management Support Division** provides overall management, including hiring and training of Logistics Cadre and support for accountable equipment issued to all FEMA Reservists, Incident Management CORE employees, and FEMA Corps cadre. Accountable Officer functions are accomplished by travel to FEMA training sites and FEMA Corps campuses where property officers issue and replace equipment to new reservists and rotating FEMA Corps members.

The **Logistics Systems Division** manages, maintains and expands FEMA’s supply chain process through the integration of technology, along with modernizing FEMA’s logistics systems to ensure they are efficient and effective for the delivery of critical assets in support of domestic emergencies.

“FEMA’s mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.”

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The Logistics Supply Chain Management System (LSCMS) provides the platform for the initial request for assets and commodities, orders to FEMA and partners, transportation tracking, inventory management at FEMA locations, shipment and receipt by the states situational awareness and in-transit visibility through reporting and GIS mapping capabilities. The directorate has developed transportation carrier metrics based on LSCMS data that enables FEMA to evaluate carriers on performance and adherence to agreed-upon rate structures. Currently, the Logistics Systems Division is conducting a technical refresh on LSCMS to address cybersecurity concerns along with adding enhancements such as Electronic Data Interchange and integration with the DISC. The LSCMS program expects to reach Full Operational Capability by FY 18.

The following provides an executive overview of programs and initiatives of the Logistics Management Directorate:

The Warehouse Inventory and Storage Program supports disaster survivors utilizing FEMA organic, Federal partner and private sector capabilities comprising a whole of community response. The initial FEMA response inventory is stored at eight strategically located warehouses with a combined space of more than over 1.8 million square feet and holding meals, water, generators, cots, blankets, tarps, plastic sheeting, consumable medical supplies, durable medical equipment, and infant & toddler kits. The program also provides the critical equipment needed to outfit the Joint Field Offices which direct operations in support of disaster survivors.

The Logistics Equipment Readiness Program manages the National Generator Maintenance Contract, which maintains 679 generators at the CONUS and OCONUS FEMA Distribution Centers to fulfill emergency power requirements during a disaster. The CONUS Vehicle Maintenance Contract covers six locations providing routine/unscheduled repairs for 1,214 pieces of equipment. Funding for the National Generator Maintenance Contract and the CONUS Vehicle Maintenance Contract allows for optimal readiness when a disaster strikes along with efficient management and maintenance of equipment.

The Logistics Response Readiness Program supports FEMA’s mission to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards. The program obtains contractor-built and operated structures that are assembled during emergencies and disasters to provide shelter, food, and other basic needs to emergency response personnel. Program funding also includes equipment and travel requirements in support of Incident Support Base (ISB) / Federal Staging Area (FSA) teams and deployable equipment caches. ISB/FSA teams are first to deploy to establish staging areas in disaster locations to begin receiving and managing distribution of life-saving and life-sustaining resources.

LMD is responsible for the acquisition, receipt, storage and issuance of Manufactured Housing Unit (MHU) assets in support of the Agency emergency Direct Housing mission. LMD manages two national Manufactured Housing Storage Sites (MHSS) and maintains 1,500 units ready for dispatch to support FEMA Recovery Directorate’s individual assistance temporary housing mission.
LMD currently manages five Incident Support Base (ISB) Teams and six equipment support caches strategically located within the CONUS. Each team consists of 27 members and is scalable; trained to rapidly establish and manage forward locations for receiving, staging, and distributing life-saving and life sustaining resources in support of disaster response operations. These resources are received, processed, and managed by the ISB teams for forward deployment to the State Staging area(s) or directly to Points of Distribution.

The Responder Support Camp (RSC) program provides sleeping, dining, and sanitation facilities in support of FEMA and other federal, state and local responders in the continental United States (and contractors who provide these services for FEMA) when required during disaster response. The RSC provides the capability to acquire or construct facilities within 36 hours for a minimum population of 100, and is capable of supporting a maximum population of 2,000 within 72 hours following the award of a task order and also includes expanded cold weather capability. RSCs may also house personnel sponsored by non-profit organizations that are members of the National Voluntary Organizations.

LMD and GSA co-sponsor an Interagency Logistics Course (ILC) in collaboration the Emergency Management Institute (EMI). The purpose of the course is to familiarize interagency students with logistics planning and operations considerations that are applicable to disaster relief and humanitarian assistance missions in an interagency environment. The course provides a strategic and operational level overview of interagency whole community disaster logistics; identifies and discusses parameters for whole community logistics coordination; and creates a forum for the exchange of best supply chain practices for interagency logistics functions. As of May 2016, over 550 students have completed the course.

LMD is responsible for a current Logistics Disaster Workforce of over 900 Reservists, COREs, TFTs, and PFTs. The current target is 1,500 FQS qualified logistics personnel ready to respond at any given time. In the role of Certifying Authority (CA), the LMD AA is responsible for setting cadre-specific requirements for necessary training, certification, and equipping of each Logistics Workforce Employee, as authorized by FQS and ensure Logistics Workforce assigned are trained IAW FQS and program services to include oversight, training and site visits.

Critical emergency supplies, such as shelf stable food products, water, and basic medical supplies were added as an allowable expense for States applying for assistance under the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)/State Homeland Security Program (SHSP). Prior to allocating grant funding, each State must have FEMA’s approval of a viable inventory management plan, an effective distribution strategy, sustainment costs for such an effort, and logistics expertise to avoid situations where funds are wasted because supplies are rendered ineffective due to lack of planning. Starting in FY2011, this was expanded to include the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) and the Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP).