# 26.204 Justification for expenditures to other than local firms.

(a) 42U.S.C .5150(b)(1) requires that, subsequent to any Presidential declaration of a *major disaster* or *emergency*, any expenditure of Federal funds, under an *emergency response contract* not awarded to a *local firm*, *must* be justified *in writing* in the contract file. The justification *should* include consideration for the scope of the *major disaster* or *emergency* and the immediate requirements or needs of *supplies* and services to ensure life is protected, victims are cared for, and property is protected.

(b) The justification *may* be made on an individual or class basis. The *contracting officer* approves the justification.

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