



# PLANNING IS KEY

PROTECT YOUR EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES FROM WEATHER CATASTROPHES

## PROTECTING YOUR EDUCATIONAL FACILITY FROM SUMMER FLOODS

The 2024 summer season has arrived. With the warmth and sunshine there will be the unpredictable weather patterns that may cause sudden and severe flooding. Being proactive about flood preparation and protection is crucial in mitigating these risks.

### ASSESS YOUR COMMERCIAL PROPERTY'S FLOOD RISK

- FEMA's Flood Map Services Center (<https://www.fema.gov/flood-maps>) can help you evaluate flood risk.

### FLOOD PROOFING MEASURES

- **Elevate Critical Utilities:** To prevent water damage during a flood, consider elevating essential utilities and electrical components above potential flood levels
- **Backflow Prevention:** Installing backflow prevention valves in your sewer system can protect your property from sewage backup during floods.
- **Temporary Flood Barriers:** Flood barriers or sandbags can offer temporary protection for your commercial space in the event of rising water levels.

### PROTECTING AGAINST COMMERCIAL WATER DAMAGE

- **Sealing Basements and Foundations:** Waterproof sealants can help prevent seepage into basements and foundations.
- **Sump Pumps:** Installing sump pumps with battery backup systems can manage water levels during power outages.
- **Evaluating and Itemizing Valuables:** Keep inventory, machinery, and sensitive equipment elevated above expected flood levels.
- **Purchase Waterproof Storage:** Use waterproof containers for storing critical documents and electronics.
- **Purchasing Insurance Coverage:** Regularly review and update insurance policies to ensure adequate coverage for flood damage.
- **Build a Continuity Plan:** Developing a comprehensive continuity plan is crucial for effective disaster preparedness.

## CONTRACT 021.5B - Disaster Recovery Services - Preferred Vendor of CPC

### Eligibility

Local government, schools, and nonprofits are eligible for the value and cost savings provided through this partnership

### Convenient, Competitive, Cooperative

Invitations for bid (IFB), conducted by AEPA, satisfy the competitive solicitation process in Minnesota, South Dakota and North Dakota.

- Minnesota statute §123A.21 and §471.245 subdivision 15
- North Dakota statute §54-40.3 Of North Dakota Century Code
- South Dakota statute §5-IBA-37

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