

VARIOUS U.S. LOCATIONS

Disaster Recovery

FEMA uses Acuity's cost estimates to process grants and to allocate the federal share of funding for the restoration or replacement of public facilities.

Since 2005, Acuity has partnered with Fluor Corporation on a Technical Assistance Contract with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide disaster recovery and technical support services for the FEMA Public Assistance (PA) Program, which provides direct assistance and grants to state, tribal, and local governments, as well as certain private nonprofit organizations, in the wake of major emergencies and natural disasters.

Acuity cost engineers assess and estimate damage so that FEMA can award grants to provide PA funding for debris removal; emergency protective measures; and the repair, replacement, or restoration of eligible disaster-damaged facilities, such as medical facilities, schools, roads, bridges, and utilities.

After Hurricane Katrina, for example, Acuity supported New Orleans by performing fair and reasonable estimates of repairs to universities, schools, churches, and other public buildings that had been damaged by high winds and flood waters. Acuity's estimates for these repairs totaled \$300 million.

Due to the nature of the work, the Acuity team is required to be accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, often for several months at a time, and typically reports to the assigned field office within 48 hours of notification.

Acuity has provided technical support in 13 states, including:

- Florida
- Illinois
- Iowa
- Louisiana
- Massachusetts
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- New Jersey
- North Carolina
- Ohio
- Oregon
- Tennessee

Acuity has assessed and estimated damages caused by:

- Floods
- Hurricanes (Gustav, Ike, Katrina)
- Snow and ice storms
- Tornadoes
- Straight line winds
- Landslides
- Mudslides



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