

RESOLUTION NO. 2023- 5-1A

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PUBLIC WORK CONTRACTS**  
**DURING DISASTER EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Morgan County (“Commissioners”) is the executive and legislative body and for Morgan County, Indiana (“County”) and;

**WHEREAS**, on March 31, 2023 and continuing into the early hours of April 1, 2023, Morgan County and the surrounding area suffered substantial damage from severe storms, including a tornado traveling through downtown Martinsville; and,

**WHEREAS**, this weather event caused severe damage to homes, businesses, power lines, and other infrastructure that caused the closure of several roadways and thoroughfares and interrupted electric service for thousands of citizens for a period of time thereafter; and,

**WHEREAS**, on April 4, 2023, in accordance with § 10-14-3-12, Gov. Eric Holcomb issued Executive Order No. 23-03, wherein he declared a disaster emergency in several Indiana counties, including Morgan County, due to severe weather, tornadic activity, and flooding, a copy of the same is attached hereto and labeled as Exhibit A, and incorporated as though fully set forth herein; and,

**WHEREAS**, § 36-1-12-9 authorizes the Commissioners to contract for a public work project without advertising for bids upon declaration of emergency, so long as bids and quotes are invited from at least two (2) persons known to deal in the public work required to be done; and,

**WHEREAS**, the names of the persons invited to provide bids or quotes in response to this emergency are attached hereto and labeled as Exhibit B, and incorporated as though fully set forth herein; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the foregoing, the Commissioners hereby approve the bids or quotes received, as attached hereto and/or as stated in its regularly scheduled meeting and approve the agreement between said public work project providers and the County and authorize payment in accordance with said agreements.

ALL OF WHICH IS RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Morgan County, Indiana on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2023.

MORGAN COUNTY, INDIANA  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: Linda Pruitt  
LINDA PRUITT  
Morgan County Auditor

  
BRYAN COLLIER, President

  
KENNY HALE, Vice President

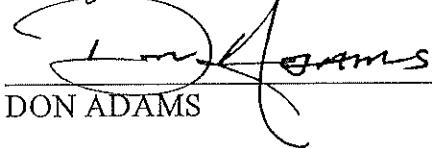
  
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EXHIBIT A

STATE OF INDIANA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
INDIANAPOLIS

EXECUTIVE ORDER 23-03

FOR: DECLARING A DISASTER EMERGENCY IN BENTON, MONROE, MORGAN, OWEN, AND WHITE COUNTIES DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER, TORNADIC ACTIVITY, AND FLOODING

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 10-14-3-12 provides that the Governor shall declare a disaster emergency by executive order if he determines a disaster involving widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property has occurred or that the occurrence or threat of a disaster is imminent;

WHEREAS, beginning on March 31, 2023 and continuing into the next day, severe weather, tornadic activity, and flooding caused widespread damage in certain counties throughout the State of Indiana;

WHEREAS, damaging winds during these severe storms have: closed or damaged county, state, and federal roads; downed trees and power lines, causing the loss of power; damaged homes, businesses, buildings, bridges, and other infrastructure; and, tragically, resulted in the loss of life and serious injuries;

WHEREAS, in response to these severe storms, I issued an executive order, on April 1, 2023, declaring that a disaster emergency exists in Johnson & Sullivan counties; and

WHEREAS, based on additional reports of severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property received, it is necessary to declare that a state of disaster emergency exists in other counties as well, as follows: Benton, Monroe, Morgan, Owen, and White;

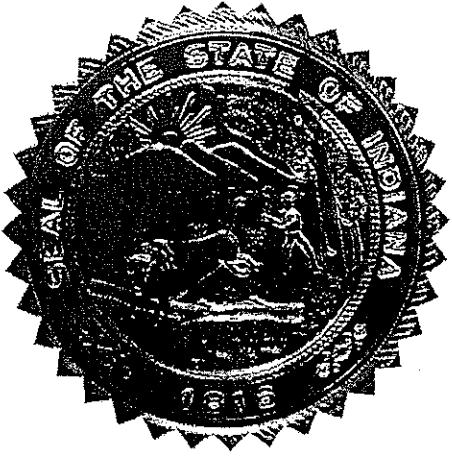
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric J. Holcomb, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby:

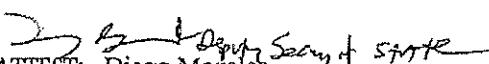
DECLARE that a state of disaster emergency also exists in Benton, Monroe, Morgan, Owen, and White counties, which is effective immediately, and, pursuant to Indiana Code § 10-14-3-12, shall continue for thirty (30) days;

ORDER the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) and its Executive Director, having already begun implementation of the State Emergency Plan, to enlist the support of such other state agencies as are needed and also to provide needed emergency services to the counties mentioned in this executive order that have been impacted by the severe weather, tornadic activity, and flooding;

ORDER the IDHS Executive Director to coordinate any and all necessary assistance with appropriate federal, state, and local agencies.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Eric J. Holcomb, have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana, on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

  
Eric J. Holcomb  
Governor of Indiana

  
ATTEST: Diego Morales  
Secretary of State

**EXHIBIT B**

**NAMES OF PERSONS INVITED TO BID OR PROVIDE QUOTES FOR PUBLIC WORK  
PROJECTS DURING STATE OF EMERGENCY**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF CONTACT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT</u>
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