**Section 610.330 Contracts for Individual Emergency Projects**

a) If the Department has not established a regional contract under Section 605.340 of this Part to cover the region wherein a particular emergency project is located, then the Department may award a contract for that emergency project pursuant to the requirements of this Section.

b) The Department may obtain a contract for an individual emergency project by direct negotiation. For such contracts the Department may restrict negotiations to a vendor on the bid list that has its home office in the county where the project is to be located, or where there are no such vendors to the vendor whose home office is located in a county nearest to the county where the project is to be located.

c) Where the Department is unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the nearest vendor as determined under subsection (b) above the Department may choose to negotiate a contract directly with the next nearest vendor on the bid list.

d) The provisions of this Section are not intended to limit the Department's authority to choose to solicit competitive bids or proposals from all vendors on the bid list where the exigencies of the emergency allow.