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TO: Department Heads, Chief Financial Officers  
All State Departments, Institutions and Agencies

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SUBJECT: Hurricane Florence Damage and Needs Assessment

Hurricane Florence wreaked havoc on North Carolina and left destruction that will take years to rebuild. A critical first step to begin the rebuilding process is for the state to conduct a robust and comprehensive damage and needs assessment. This assessment will inform the state's request to Congress and help determine the magnitude of unmet needs that the State may need to finance in the future. With the General Assembly scheduled for a special session on October 9, the Governor has asked us to work together quickly to gather the data needed to make informed recommendations.

My office has already spoken with your staff to gather preliminary information. To ensure the most comprehensive approach to recovery, we are asking for additional documentation that provides:

1. A preliminary estimate of damage and needs, the rationale behind the calculations, and the data source used as the basis.
2. A breakdown of both direct and indirect impacts if possible.
3. A list of potential areas/items that we still do not have visibility on but will likely be assessed in the coming weeks.

Your Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) analyst will be in frequent contact with your agency over the next week with specific data requests. Please be aware that OSBM needs all information by the close of business Wednesday, October 3.

The information received from agencies will be summarized in the following categories:

- Housing
- Small Business and Non-Profits
- Government
- Agriculture
- Utilities
- Education
- Transportation
- Natural Resources
- Health and Human Services

**To facilitate communication, we are requesting that you designate a single point of contact (POC) for your agency.** Please fill in the contact information for your POC using [this link](#) by 3:00 p.m. today.

We look forward to working together to ensure North Carolina communities rebuild stronger and smarter, with the needs of our citizens always at the forefront of our minds.