

# Identification of AshBritt Inc. Subcontractors on Disaster Recovery Contracts from Publicly Available Information

## 1. Introduction

AshBritt Inc. (UEI: YH8JGLSMAQX3, CAGE: 00Z46) operates as a major national prime contractor specializing in rapid-response emergency management, logistics, and disaster recovery services, particularly debris management.<sup>1</sup> Since its founding in 1992, the company has executed numerous missions following federally declared disasters across the United States, often under contracts with federal agencies like the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and various state and local governments.<sup>2</sup> Given the scale of these operations, AshBritt frequently utilizes subcontractors to perform fieldwork, primarily in debris removal and hauling.<sup>6</sup>

This report details the findings of research conducted to identify specific subcontractors that have worked with AshBritt Inc. on federal or state disaster recovery contracts, using exclusively publicly available information. The scope includes reviewing news archives, legal databases, government contracting portals (federal and state), and AshBritt's public disclosures.

It is crucial to emphasize the inherent limitations of relying solely on publicly available data. Subcontractor information is not always systematically disclosed or captured in public records. News reports often focus on primary contractors or specific incidents (like disputes), legal databases capture litigated matters which may not represent typical operations, and government contract data, particularly at the sub-award level on platforms like USASpending.gov, is known to be incomplete.<sup>8</sup> Therefore, the list compiled herein represents only those subcontractors identifiable through these public means and should not be considered an exhaustive or complete record of AshBritt Inc.'s subcontracting network.

## 2. Methodology

The research strategy employed a multi-pronged approach to gather information from publicly accessible sources, targeting instances where subcontractors associated with AshBritt Inc.'s disaster recovery projects were named.

1. **News Archives Search:** Major national news outlets and local news sources in key disaster areas (e.g., Florida, California, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Jersey, Texas) were searched. Search terms included combinations of "AshBritt," "subcontractor," "partner," "debris removal," "disaster recovery," specific disaster names (e.g., "Hurricane Katrina," "Hurricane Sandy," "Kentucky floods," "California

wildfires"), and relevant locations. This method primarily yielded information related to specific events, sometimes highlighting disputes or noteworthy partnerships.<sup>10</sup>

2. **Legal Database Search:** Federal (PACER) and relevant state court dockets were queried for lawsuits involving AshBritt Inc. related to disaster recovery contracts. Searches focused on identifying case filings (complaints, motions, judgments) that named subcontractors, often in the context of payment disputes or operational issues.<sup>11</sup>
3. **Federal Contract Data Search (USASpending.gov):** The USASpending.gov portal was searched for prime contracts awarded to AshBritt Inc. (UEI: YH8JGLSMAQX3). Associated sub-award data was examined to identify any publicly reported subcontractors. It is important to note that sub-award reporting on USASpending.gov is often incomplete, limiting the effectiveness of this source for comprehensive subcontractor identification.<sup>8</sup> No specific subcontractors were identified solely through USASpending sub-award data during this research.
4. **State and Local Procurement Website Search:** Procurement portals and contract databases for states where AshBritt holds or has held significant contracts (e.g., Florida <sup>7</sup>, California <sup>20</sup>, Texas <sup>24</sup>, Kentucky <sup>27</sup>, New Jersey <sup>32</sup>) were searched. This involved reviewing bid tabulations, contract award notices, and related documents that might list primary, secondary, tertiary, or joint venture partners, some of whom might function as major subcontractors or partners in specific operations.
5. **AshBritt Public Disclosures Review:** AshBritt's official website (ashbritt.com) and press releases were reviewed for explicitly mentioned operational partners or featured subcontractors involved in disaster recovery fieldwork. This included reviewing their Small Business Enterprise (SBE) program information and subcontractor registration portal details.<sup>6</sup> This review confirmed AshBritt actively seeks subcontractors for services like tree management, debris hauling, and waste removal but did not yield names of specific operational partners beyond general references to "teaming partners".<sup>34</sup> The subcontractor registration portal itself is hosted on Caspio.<sup>33</sup>

Information gathered from these sources was cross-referenced where possible, and details regarding the context (project/disaster) and source were recorded for each identified subcontractor.

### 3. Findings: Identified AshBritt Subcontractors

Based on the methodology described above, the following subcontractors or partners involved in operational fieldwork have been identified in publicly available sources

associated with AshBritt Inc.'s disaster recovery contracts.

<b>Subcontractor Name</b>	<b>Context/Project</b>	<b>Source of Information</b>	<b>Date Identified (YYYY-MM-DD)</b>
D&J Enterprises, Inc.	Secondary Contractor, Disaster Debris Management, Miami Lakes, FL (RFP 2022-27)	Town of Miami Lakes Resolution No. 23-1889 <sup>17</sup>	2025-04-15
Ceres Environmental Services, Inc.	Secondary Contractor, Storm Debris Removal, Savannah, GA	Savannah City Council Agenda Item (Dec 19, 2024) <sup>35</sup>	2025-04-15
Ceres Environmental Services, Inc.	On-Call Emergency Debris Removal Services Program, Los Angeles County, CA	LA County Board of Supervisors Document (Contract Award) <sup>22</sup>	2025-04-15
Ceres Environmental Services, Inc.	Disaster Debris Removal Contract, Houston, TX	City of Houston Ordinance (Contract Award, May 28, 2024) <sup>24</sup>	2025-04-15
DRC Emergency Services, LLC / DRC Pacific, Inc.	Tertiary Contractor, Storm Debris Removal, Savannah, GA	Savannah City Council Agenda Item (Dec 19, 2024) <sup>35</sup>	2025-04-15
DRC Emergency Services, LLC / DRC Pacific, Inc.	On-Call Emergency Debris Removal Services Program, Los Angeles County, CA	LA County Board of Supervisors Document (Contract Award) <sup>22</sup>	2025-04-15
DRC Emergency Services, LLC / DRC Pacific, Inc.	Disaster Debris Removal Contract, Houston, TX	City of Houston Ordinance (Contract Award, May 28, 2024) <sup>24</sup>	2025-04-15

DRC Emergency Services, LLC / DRC Pacific, Inc.	Disaster Response Contingency Contract, Alameda County, CA	Alameda County Board of Supervisors Document (Contract Award, July 12, 2011) <sup>36</sup>	2025-04-15
T.F.R. Enterprises Inc.	On-Call Emergency Debris Removal Services Program, Los Angeles County, CA	LA County Board of Supervisors Document (Contract Award) <sup>22</sup>	2025-04-15
T.F.R. Enterprises Inc.	Disaster Debris Removal Contract, Houston, TX	City of Houston Ordinance (Contract Award, May 28, 2024) <sup>24</sup>	2025-04-15
ECC Constructors, LLC	On-Call Emergency Debris Removal Services Program, Los Angeles County, CA	LA County Board of Supervisors Document (Contract Award) <sup>22</sup>	2025-04-15
Odin Environmental Solutions, LLC	On-Call Emergency Debris Removal Services Program, Los Angeles County, CA	LA County Board of Supervisors Document (Contract Award) <sup>22</sup>	2025-04-15
Mountain Environmental JV	Prequalified Contractor (Joint Venture w/ AshBritt), CA Wildfire Debris Removal	CalRecycle Addendum No. 1 (Oct 10, 2022) <sup>37</sup> ; AshBritt Proposal to Boulder County <sup>38</sup>	2025-04-15
Next Endeavor	Subcontractor, Eastern Kentucky Flood Cleanup (2022)	Lawsuit Filing reported by Louisville Public Media (LPM) <sup>11</sup>	2025-04-15
Blaze Tree Services	Subcontractor (via NEV, LLC), Eastern Kentucky Flood	Lawsuit Filing reported by Louisville Public Media (LPM) <sup>11</sup>	2025-04-15

	Cleanup (2022)		
NEV, LLC	Subcontractor, Eastern Kentucky Flood Cleanup (2022)	Lawsuit Filing reported by Louisville Public Media (LPM) <sup>11</sup>	2025-04-15
Charley Toppino & Sons, Inc.	Partner, Florida Keys Debris Removal (Likely Hurricane Ian, 2022)	LeadIQ Profile/News Aggregation citing KeysNews.com (July 20, 2023) <sup>39</sup>	2025-04-15
Custom Tree Care Disaster Response	Bid Protester, Eastern Kentucky Flood Cleanup Contract (2022)	News Report (WKMS, July 18, 2023) <sup>10</sup>	2025-04-15
Numerous / Unnamed	Subcontractors, Hurricane Sandy, NJ (2012)	AshBritt Website / Experience Section <sup>7</sup>	2025-04-15
Numerous / Unnamed	Subcontractors, Hurricane Katrina, LA/MS (2005)	AshBritt Website / Experience Section <sup>7</sup> ; Good Jobs First Report <sup>40</sup>	2025-04-15
Numerous / Unnamed	Subcontractors (141), Connecticut Severe Storm (Snow, 2011)	AshBritt Case Study <sup>41</sup> ; AshBritt Proposal to Boulder County <sup>42</sup>	2025-04-15
Numerous / Unnamed	Subcontractors, California Wildfires (2018)	AshBritt Proposal to Boulder County (Implied by 1,700 hauling units) <sup>38</sup>	2025-04-15
Numerous / Unnamed	Subcontractors, Oregon Wildfires (2020-2021)	AshBritt Proposal to Boulder County (Implied by 114 hauling units) <sup>38</sup>	2025-04-15
Numerous / Unnamed	Subcontractors, Kentucky Floods	KYTC Press Release (Aug 12, 2022) <sup>28</sup> ;	2025-04-15

	(2022)	News Report (WKMS, July 18, 2023) <sup>10</sup>	
Numerous / Unnamed	Subcontractors, Buncombe County, NC (Hurricane Helene, 2024)	Buncombe County News Release (Feb 15, 2025 - referring to USACE contractor AshBritt's "crews") <sup>12</sup>	2025-04-15

## 4. Discussion

The research identified several companies that have acted as subcontractors or partners with AshBritt Inc. on disaster recovery contracts, primarily focusing on debris removal and management services. The identified entities range from other large, established disaster recovery firms like Ceres Environmental Services and DRC Emergency Services <sup>22</sup> to potentially smaller or more specialized firms like Next Endeavor and Blaze Tree Services, which were identified through litigation records related to the Kentucky flood cleanup.<sup>11</sup>

The nature of the identified relationships varies. In some instances, firms like Ceres and DRC were listed alongside AshBritt as primary, secondary, or tertiary contractors on large municipal or county contracts, suggesting either a joint venture, a tiered response structure, or potentially a prime-subcontractor relationship depending on the specific contract terms.<sup>22</sup> The identification of Mountain Environmental JV explicitly denotes a joint venture for California wildfire debris removal.<sup>37</sup> In other cases, particularly those emerging from news reports or lawsuits, the firms identified (e.g., Next Endeavor, Blaze Tree Services, Charley Toppino & Sons) appear to be direct subcontractors performing specific field tasks like debris hauling or tree removal.<sup>11</sup>

The findings underscore AshBritt's reliance on a network of subcontractors to execute large-scale disaster recovery operations, a fact corroborated by AshBritt's own statements regarding the use of numerous subcontractors during major events like Hurricane Sandy (94 subcontractors) and the 2011 Connecticut snowstorm (141 subcontractors).<sup>7</sup> AshBritt actively solicits subcontractors through its website, particularly seeking companies involved in tree management, debris hauling, and waste removal.<sup>6</sup>

However, the limitations of relying on public data are evident. Many sources, including AshBritt's own project descriptions and news reports, refer generally to "crews," "subcontractors," or "partners" without naming specific entities.<sup>7</sup> Federal contract data repositories like USASpending.gov, while useful for tracking prime contracts, lack

comprehensive and consistently reported sub-award information.<sup>8</sup> State and local procurement documents sometimes list multiple awardees for on-call services or bidders on a contract, making it difficult to definitively determine the specific subcontractor relationships for every AshBritt project without accessing the full contract details or specific task orders.<sup>22</sup> Furthermore, news reports often surface subcontractors primarily in the context of disputes or legal issues, potentially skewing the public perception of typical subcontractor interactions.<sup>10</sup>

While AshBritt emphasizes its commitment to partnering with local and small businesses<sup>4</sup>, comprehensively verifying the extent and nature of these partnerships through publicly available data remains challenging. The identified list includes large national players (Ceres, DRC) as well as firms involved in litigation, but lacks the granularity to fully assess the typical profile or geographic distribution of AshBritt's broader subcontractor base.

## 5. Conclusion

This research effort, utilizing publicly available information including news archives, legal databases, government procurement portals, and AshBritt's public disclosures, identified several companies that have served as subcontractors or operational partners to AshBritt Inc. on federal and state disaster recovery contracts. The identified entities primarily perform services related to debris management, hauling, and removal, consistent with AshBritt's core business focus. Named entities include D&J Enterprises, Inc., Ceres Environmental Services, Inc., DRC Emergency Services, LLC / DRC Pacific, Inc., T.F.R. Enterprises Inc., ECC Constructors, LLC, Odin Environmental Solutions, LLC, Mountain Environmental JV, Next Endeavor, Blaze Tree Services, NEV, LLC, and Charley Toppino & Sons, Inc. Additionally, evidence points to the use of numerous unnamed subcontractors, particularly during large-scale disaster events.

**Disclaimer:** This list is based solely on publicly available information gathered through news archives, legal databases, government contract portals, and AshBritt's public disclosures as of April 15, 2025. Due to limitations in public data availability and reporting, this list is likely not exhaustive and may not represent the full extent of AshBritt Inc.'s subcontracting relationships. Information regarding specific roles, contract values, or performance for these subcontractors is often limited in public sources.

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