
**CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE NON-
FEDERAL SPONSOR**

**MIAMI-DADE BACK BAY COASTAL
STORM RISK MANAGEMENT
FEASIBILITY STUDY**

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

APPENDIX H

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AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
AND
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
FOR THE
MIAMI BACK BAY, FLORIDA STUDY

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into this 9TH day of October, 2018, by and between the Department of the Army (hereinafter the "Government"), represented by the District Commander for Jacksonville District (hereinafter the "District Commander") and the Miami-Dade County, Florida (hereinafter the "Non-Federal Sponsor"), represented by the County Mayor.

WITNESSETH, THAT:

WHEREAS, Public Law 84-71, enacted June 15, 1955, authorizes the Secretary of the Army, in cooperation with the Secretary of Commerce and other Federal agencies, to examine and survey the eastern and southern seaboard of the United States with respect to hurricanes, with particular reference to areas where severe damages have occurred (hereinafter the "Study");

WHEREAS, notwithstanding Section 105(a) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (33 U.S.C. 2215(a)), which specifies the cost-sharing requirements generally applicable to feasibility studies, Title IV, Division B of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, Public Law 115-123, enacted February 9, 2018 (hereinafter "BBA 2018"), authorizes the Government to conduct the Study at full Federal expense to the extent that appropriations provided under the Investigations heading of the BBA 2018 are available and used for such purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Government and the Non-Federal Sponsor have the full authority and capability to perform in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I - OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES

A. In accordance with Federal laws, regulations, and policies, the Government shall conduct the Study using BBA 2018 funds. In the event that there are insufficient BBA 2018 funds to complete the Study, such completion shall be subject to cost-sharing otherwise applicable to the Study and amendment of this Agreement.

1. The Government shall conduct the Study consistent with the Project Management Plan, which specifies the scope, cost, and schedule for Study activities. In consultation with the Non-Federal Sponsor, the Government may modify the Project Management Plan as necessary.

2. The cost of the Study is limited to \$3 million in Federal funds, unless the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) approves an exemption for the Study to exceed \$3 million.

3. To the extent practicable and in accordance with Federal laws, regulations, and policies, the Government shall afford the Non-Federal Sponsor the opportunity to review and comment on solicitations for contracts prior to the Government's issuance of such solicitations; proposed contract modifications, including change orders; and contract claims prior to resolution thereof. Ultimately, the contents of solicitations, award of contracts, execution of contract modifications, and resolution of contract claims shall be exclusively within the control of the Government.

B. In addition to the ongoing, regular discussions of the parties in the delivery of the Study, the Government and the Non-Federal Sponsor may establish a Study Coordination Team to discuss significant issues or actions. The Non-Federal Sponsor's costs for participation on the Study Coordination Team shall be paid solely by the Non-Federal Sponsor without reimbursement or credit by the Government.

C. The Non-Federal Sponsor shall not be entitled to any credit or reimbursement for any costs it incurs in performing its responsibilities under this Agreement.

ARTICLE II - TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION

A. Upon 30 calendar days written notice to the other party, either party may elect at any time, without penalty, to suspend or terminate future performance of the Study. Furthermore, unless an exemption is approved by the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), the Study may be terminated if a Report of the Chief of Engineers, or, if applicable, a Report of the Director of Civil Works, is not signed for the Study within 3 years after the effective date of this Agreement.

B. If the Government determines at any time that BBA 2018 funds made available for the Study are not sufficient to complete the Study, the Government shall so notify the Non-Federal Sponsor in writing, and upon exhaustion of such funds, the Government shall suspend the Study until the parties execute an amendment to this Agreement that provides for cost-sharing of the remaining work.

ARTICLE III - DISPUTE RESOLUTION

As a condition precedent to a party bringing any suit for breach of this Agreement, that party must first notify the other party in writing of the nature of the purported breach and seek in good faith to resolve the dispute through negotiation. If the parties cannot resolve the dispute through negotiation, they may agree to a mutually acceptable method of non-binding alternative

dispute resolution with a qualified third party acceptable to the parties. Each party shall pay an equal share of any costs for the services provided by such a third party as such costs are incurred.

ARTICLE IV - RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES

In the exercise of their respective rights and obligations under this Agreement, the Government and the Non-Federal Sponsor each act in an independent capacity, and neither is to be considered the officer, agent, or employee of the other. Neither party shall provide, without the consent of the other party, any contractor with a release that waives or purports to waive any rights a party may have to seek relief or redress against that contractor.

ARTICLE V - NOTICES

Any notice, request, demand, or other communication required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be deemed to have been duly given if in writing and delivered personally or mailed by certified or registered mail, with return receipt, as shown below. A party may change the recipient or address for such communications by giving written notice to the other party in the manner provided in this Article.

If to the Non-Federal Sponsor:

Mayor, Miami-Dade County
Stephen P. Clark Center
111 N.W. 1st Street, 29th Floor
Miami, Florida 33128

If to the Government:

District Commander
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District
P.O. Box 4970
Jacksonville, Florida 32232-0019

ARTICLE VI - CONFIDENTIALITY

To the extent permitted by the laws governing each party, the parties agree to maintain the confidentiality of exchanged information when requested to do so by the providing party.

ARTICLE VII - THIRD PARTY RIGHTS, BENEFITS, OR LIABILITIES

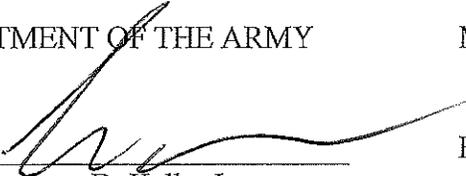
Nothing in this Agreement is intended, nor may be construed, to create any rights, confer any benefits, or relieve any liability, of any kind whatsoever in any third person not a party to this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement, which shall become effective upon the date it is signed by the District Commander.

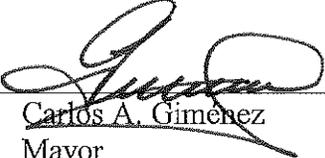
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____


Andrew D. Kelly, Jr.
Colonel, U.S. Army
District Commander

BY: _____


Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

DATE: _____

October 9, 2018

DATE: _____

10/5/2018

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.



Carlos A. Giménez
Mayor
Miami-Dade County, Florida

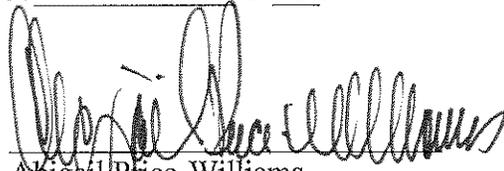
DATE: _____

10/5/2013

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

I, Abigail Price-Williams, do hereby certify that I am the principal legal officer of Miami-Dade County, Florida, that Miami-Dade County, Florida is a legally constituted public body with full authority and legal capability to perform the terms of the Agreement between the Department of the Army and Miami-Dade County, Florida in connection with the Miami Back Bay, Florida Study, and to pay damages, if necessary, in the event of the failure to perform in accordance with the terms of the Agreement, as required by Section 221 of the Flood Control Act of 1970, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1962d-5b), and that the person who executed the Agreement on behalf of Miami-Dade County, Florida acted within his statutory authority.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have made and executed this certification this
5TH day of OCTOBER 2018.


Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

**NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR'S
SELF-CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL CAPABILITY
FOR AGREEMENTS**

I, Edward Marquez, do hereby certify that I am the Chief Financial Officer of the Miami-Dade County (the "Non-Federal Sponsor"); that I am aware of the financial obligations of the Non-Federal Sponsor for the Miami Back Bay, Florida Study; and that the Non-Federal Sponsor has the financial capability to satisfy the Non-Federal Sponsor's obligations under the Agreement Between the Department of the Army and Miami-Dade County for the Miami Back Bay, Florida Study.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have made and executed this certification this 5th day of October, 2013.

BY: Edward Marquez

TITLE: 10/5/13 Deputy Manager / CFO

DATE: 10/5/13



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
NORFOLK DISTRICT
FORT NORFOLK
803 FRONT STREET
NORFOLK VA 23510-1011

January 4, 2019

Honorable Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor of Miami-Dade County
Office of the Mayor
Stephen P. Clark Center
111 N.W. 1st Street, 29th Floor
Miami, FL 33128

Dear Mayor Gimenez:

This is in reference to Section 1002 of the 2014 Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) that allows for greater transparency in the notification and reporting of feasibility study milestones. WRRDA 2014 Section 1002 requires the District Engineer to provide non-Federal interests notification of the key feasibility study milestone scheduled dates for all active studies within 90 days of signing the Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement. The schedule below was developed based upon the best information available to the team at this point in time.

Section 1002 also requires that within thirty (30) days of failing to meet any of these milestones, you will be notified of the reasons behind the missed milestone along with a revised schedule for completion of the study. If for any reason these milestones change in the near future as we further define the scope, you will be notified in writing and we will copy our Major Subordinate Command (MSC) in New York (North Atlantic Division).

This certified letter provides the current study schedule for these key milestones for the Miami Back Bay, Miami-Dade County, Florida Study.

Release of Draft Report for Public Comment:	11 Mar 2020
District Submits Final Report to MSC:	20 May 2021
MSC Transmittal of Final Report:	20 May 2021
Signed Chief of Engineers Report:	24 Sep 2021

Schedules are based on the assumption of full-funding being available. These schedules, along with any deviations, will be submitted annually to Congress in a Report from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers submitted through the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Gregory G. Williams, Project Manager, at 757-201-7616 or email Greggory.G.Williams@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Kinsman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patrick V. Kinsman, PE
Colonel, U.S. Army
Commanding

cc:
Richard Klein
Susan Conner
Greg Steele
Mike Darrow