

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5800-FA-12]

Notice of Funding Availability for HUD's Fiscal Year 2014 Community Compass Technical Assistance and Capacity Building

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of funding awards.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989, this announcement notifies the public of funding decisions made by the Department in a competition for funding under the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the HUD Community Compass Technical Assistance and Capacity Building program for Fiscal Year 2014. This announcement contains the names of the awardees and amounts of the awards made available by HUD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie Hopkins, Director, Technical Assistance Division, Office of Community Planning

and Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Room 7218, Washington, DC 20410-7000; telephone (202) 402-4496 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with speech or hearing impairments may access this telephone number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service during working hours at 800-877-8339. For general information on this and other HUD programs, call Community Connections at 1-800-998-9999 or visit the HUD Web site at <http://www.hud.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The goal of Community Compass is to empower communities by providing effective technical assistance and capacity building so that successful program implementation is sustained over the long term.

Recognizing that HUD's customers often interact with a variety of HUD programs as they deliver housing or community development services, Community Compass brings together technical assistance investments from across HUD program offices, including but not limited to the Office of Community Planning and Development,

the Office of Housing, and the Office of Public and Indian Housing.

The competition was announced in the NOFA published on June 2, 2014 (FR-5800-N-12) and closed on July 23, 2014. The NOFA allowed for approximately \$51 million for HUD Community Compass Technical Assistance and Capacity Building awards. Applications were rated and selected for funding on the basis of selection criteria contained in the Notice. For the Fiscal Year 2014 competition, awards totaling \$51,535,629 were awarded to 19 different technical assistance providers nationwide.

In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (103 Stat. 1987, 42 U.S.C. 3545), the Department is publishing the awardees and the amounts of the awards in Appendix A to this document.

Dated: October 24, 2014.

Clifford Taffet,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

Appendix A

FISCAL YEAR 2014

[HUD Community Compass Technical Assistance and Capacity Awards]

Recipient	City	State	Amount
Abt Associates, Inc	Cambridge	MA	\$6,350,000
Advocates for Human Potential, Inc	Sudbury	MA	500,000
American Institutes for Research	Washington	DC	4,950,000
Association of Alaska Housing Authorities	Anchorage	AK	948,000
BCT Partners, LLC	Newark	NJ	1,000,000
Cloudburst Consulting Group, Inc	Landover	MD	3,225,000
Corporation for Supportive Housing	New York	NY	1,200,000
CVR Associates, Inc	Tampa	FL	2,000,000
Econometrica, Inc	Bethesda	MD	3,250,000
Enterprise Community Partners, Inc	Columbia	MD	1,575,000
FirstPic, Inc	Gambrills	MD	5,280,521
ICF Incorporated, LLC	Fairfax	VA	12,657,108
Inland Mediation Board	Ontario	CA	1,500,000
Mosaic Urban Partners LLC	Washington	DC	500,000
National American Indian Housing Council	Washington	DC	2,600,000
National Council for Community Development, Inc	New York	NY	500,000
TDA Consulting, Inc	Laurinburg	NC	800,000
Technical Assistance Collaborative, Inc	Boston	MA	1,700,000
The Partnership Center, Ltd	Cincinnati	OH	1,000,000
TOTAL			51,535,629

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

[FWS–R4–FHC–2014–N215;
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Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill; Record of Decision for the Final Programmatic and Phase III Early Restoration Plan and Early Restoration Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), notice is hereby given that the Federal and State natural resource trustee agencies (Trustees) have issued a Record of Decision (ROD) for the Final Programmatic and Phase III Early Restoration Plan and Early Restoration Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (Final Phase III ERP/PEIS). The ROD documents decisions by the Trustees under OPA: (1) Selection of the Preferred Alternative for the Programmatic Early Restoration Plan; and (2) selection of 44 projects for the Final Phase III Early Restoration Plan, subject to completing remaining permitting and consultation requirements, as specifically identified in Section 9 of the ROD.

ADDRESSES: *Obtaining Documents:* You may download the ROD at <http://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov> or <http://www.doi.gov/deepwaterhorizon>. You may also view the ROD at any of the public repositories listed at <http://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nanciann Regalado at 678–296–6805 (phone) or nanciann_regalado@fws.gov (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 20, 2011, BP Exploration & Production Inc. and the Trustees agreed to the Framework for Early Restoration Addressing Injuries Resulting from the *Deepwater Horizon* Oil Spill (Framework Agreement), to provide up to \$1 billion toward early restoration projects in the Gulf of Mexico to address injuries to natural resources caused by the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill. The Framework Agreement represents a preliminary step toward the restoration of injured natural resources. The Framework Agreement is intended to expedite the start of restoration in the Gulf in advance of the completion of the injury assessment process. The Framework Agreement provides a mechanism through which the Trustees and BP can work together “to

commence implementation of early restoration projects that will provide meaningful benefits to accelerate restoration in the Gulf as quickly as practicable,” prior to the resolution of the Trustees’ natural resource damages claim.

The Trustees are:

- U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), as represented by the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Land Management;
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), on behalf of the U.S. Department of Commerce;
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA);
- U.S. Department of Defense (DOD);¹
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA);
- State of Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, Oil Spill Coordinator’s Office, Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and Department of Natural Resources;
- State of Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality;
- State of Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and Geological Survey of Alabama;
- State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; and
- For the State of Texas, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas General Land Office, and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

The Trustees considered hundreds of projects leading to the identification of a potential 28 future early restoration projects announced in the May 6, 2013 **Federal Register** notice (78 FR 26319). On June 4, 2013 (78 FR 33431), the Trustees announced their intent to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) under OPA and NEPA to evaluate the environmental consequences of early restoration project types, as well as to propose a Phase III Early Restoration Plan to address injuries from the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill that would include the 28 early restoration projects announced in the May 6, 2013, **Federal Register** notice and potentially additional early restoration projects. In accordance with NEPA, the Trustees conducted scoping to identify the concerns of the affected public, Federal agencies, States, and Indian tribes; to involve the public in the decision making process; to

¹ Although a trustee under OPA by virtue of the proximity of its facilities to the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill, DOD is not a member of the Trustee Council and does not participate in Trustee decision-making.

facilitate efficient early restoration planning and environmental review; to define the issues and alternatives that would be examined in detail; and to save time by ensuring that draft documents adequately address relevant issues. A scoping process reduces paperwork and delay by ensuring that important issues are considered early in the decision making process. To gather public input, the Trustees hosted six public meetings and accepted written comment electronically and via U.S. mail during the scoping period.

A notice of availability of the Draft Programmatic and Phase III Early Restoration Plan and Draft Early Restoration Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (Draft Phase III ERP/PEIS) was published in the **Federal Register** on December 6, 2013 (78 FR 73555). The Draft Phase III ERP/PEIS considered programmatic alternatives for early restoration and proposed alternatives for 44 early restoration projects in Phase III of early restoration consistent with the project types included in the proposed programmatic alternative. The Trustees provided the public with 75 days to review and comment on the Draft Phase III ERP/PEIS (including a 15-day extension of the original announced 60-day comment period). To facilitate public participation, the Trustees also held public meetings in Mobile, Alabama; Long Beach, Mississippi; Belle Chasse, Thibodaux, and Lake Charles, Louisiana; Port Arthur, Galveston, and Corpus Christi, Texas; and Pensacola, Florida. The Trustees considered the public comments received, which informed the Trustees’ analyses of programmatic alternatives and specific early restoration projects in the Final Phase III ERP/PEIS. A summary of the public comments received and the Trustees’ responses to those comments are found in Chapter 13 of the Final Phase III ERP/PEIS.

A notice of availability of the Final Phase III ERP/PEIS was published in the **Federal Register** on June 26, 2014 (79 FR 36328). The Final Phase III ERP/PEIS proposed early restoration programmatic alternatives and evaluated the potential environmental effects and cumulative effects of those alternatives. The Final Phase III ERP/PEIS also proposed 44 projects as described in the Final Phase III ERP/PEIS, totaling an estimated cost of approximately \$627 million.

Upon the completion of the Final Phase III ERP/PEIS, a Record of Decision