

Firm Name: Thacher Associates
 Engagement: DEP Rebuild by Design Program
 For Quarter Ending: 12/31/2023

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No.	Recipient Data Elements	Response	Comments
A. General Info			
1.	Recipient of funding	NJ Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") as a subrecipient per a Memorandum of Understanding between the NJ Department of Community Affairs ("DCA") and DEP.	
2.	Federal Funding Agency? (e.g. HUD, FEMA)	HUD	
3.	State Funding (if applicable)	N/A	
4.	Award Type	CDBG-DR	
5.	Award Amount	\$380 million	
6.	Contract/Program Person/Title	Dennis Reinknecht, RBD Program Manager, Bureau of Flood Resilience	
7.	Brief Description, Purpose and Rationale of Project/Program	This program consists of two separate New Jersey projects that have been approved by the federal government as part of its Rebuild by Design competition to improve physical, ecological and economic resilience in regions affected by Superstorm Sandy. HUD is providing CDBG-DR funding for the feasibility, design and construction of these two projects. The Meadowlands project has been allocated \$150 million and the Hudson River project has been allocated \$230 million.	
8.	Contract/Program Location	Hudson River Region and Meadowlands Region	
9.	Amount Expended to Date	Hudson River \$73,600,292; Meadowlands \$58,832,171; Admin- \$888,235.	
10.	Amount Provided to other State or Local Entities	N/A	
11.	Completion Status of Contract or Program	Ongoing	
12.	Expected Contract End Date/Time Period	Per DEP, Meadowlands projects will be completed by late 2026.	
B. Monitoring Activities			
13.	If FEMA funded, brief description of the status of the project worksheet and its support.	N/A	
14.	Quarterly Activities/Project Description (include number of visits to meet with recipient and sub recipient, including who you met with, and any site visits warranted to where work was completed)	Hudson River Project: NJ DEP notified IOM that services are no longer required. Meadowlands Project: Progress meetings and site work for Liberty Street Pump Station ongoing. During Q4 2023, we submitted our proposed monitoring plan for approval to DEP. We performed an introductory site visit accompanied by DEP and plan to perform an additional visit in January 2024 to perform audits according to our monitoring plan. No issues were noted during the December 2023 visit.	

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15.	Brief Description to confirm appropriate data/information has been provided by recipient and what activities have been taken to review in relation to the project/contract/program.	During the monitorship, in addition to Thacher Associates' initial request for documents required of NJDEP's financial, administrative, and procurement processes, NJDEP has periodically been providing additional documents it believes are relevant to our scope of services. Thacher Associates has supplemented those document requests with additional requests as needed, all of which have been complied with. Thacher Associates has reviewed those documents for compliance with CDBG-DR laws, rules, and regulations, and to track the status and progress of the projects. For more detail regarding relevant activities during Q4-2023, please see the answer to question 14.	
16.	Description of quarterly auditing activities that have been conducted to ensure procurement compliance with terms and conditions of the contracts and agreements.	No procurement related activities were monitored during the reporting period.	
17.	Have payment requisitions in connection with the contract/program been reviewed? Please describe	During the period covered by this report, Thacher Associates did not review payment requisitions.	
18.	Description of quarterly activity to prevent and detect waste, fraud and abuse.	During Q-4 2023, the IOM Team's fraud prevention activities consisted of performing a site visit to observe work taking place on site and comparing observations to applicable regulatory and project specific requirements to identify potential fraud, waste, abuse, and non-compliance. We noted no issues during this introductory visit. We continue to review relevant project documentation related to ongoing project activities and will report issues and risks if observed.	
19.	Provide details of any integrity issues/findings	None noted.	
20.	Provide details of any work quality or safety/environmental/historical preservation issue(s).	None noted.	
21.	Provide details on any other items of note that have occurred in the past quarter	N/A	
22.	Provide details of any actions taken to remediate waste, fraud and abuse noted in past quarters	N/A	
C. Miscellaneous			
23.	Attach a list of hours and expenses incurred to perform your quarterly integrity monitoring review	Israa Hassan - 6 Michael Quevedo - 1 Robert Thompson - 4 Christopher Ward - .25	
24.	Add any item, issue or comment not covered in previous sections but deemed pertinent to monitoring program.	None noted.	

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Name of Integrity Monitor:	Thacher Associates
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Signature:	<i>Robert Thompson</i>
Date:	January 16, 2024