

State of New Jersey
Department of the Treasury
Integrity Oversight Monitoring Reporting Model

Firm Name: **Thacher Associates**
Engagement: **DEP Rebuild by Design Program**
For Quarter Ending: **06/30/2022**

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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 \$62,073,498; Meadowlands \$50,658,038; Admin- 935,036.	
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	AECOM was awarded the design contract for both projects. The site development and construction phases of both projects have been/ will be performed from 2019 to 2022.	
B. Monitoring Activities			
13.	If FEMA funded, brief description of the status of the project worksheet and its support.	N/A	

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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)	During Q-2 2022, the SSM – sewer system modification phase of the Hudson River Project was completed. The NJ DEP Project team was preparing to move forward with the Resist/ Cove Park phase of the Hudson River Project, which includes the construction of green infrastructure, a sea wall, and pump stations to redirect water. An RFP for a General Contractor is pending; selection is anticipated in Q4 2002. During Q-2 2022, the IOM Team reviewed Project documentation and spoke to Project personnel in order to inform its monitoring plans for the Resist/ Cove Park phase, and revised its plans accordingly. The IOM Team conferred with the NJ DEP project team re these revised plans, and adjusted those plans as appropriate, taking into account the NJ DEP Project Team’s input. During Q-2 2022, for the Meadowlands Project, the NJ DEP Project team anticipated the selection of a General Contractor in Q1 2023 and the start of work in summer 2023. The NJ DEP Project team was engaged in preparatory activities, including the acquisition of property and property easements in accordance with the requirements of the Uniform Relocation Act (URA). The IOM team reviewed the HUD URA training module and other relevant background documents, evaluated potential URA integrity risks, formulated a URA integrity risk monitoring plan, and adjusted that plan as appropriate, taking into account the NJ DEP Project Team’s input. The IOM began its review and testing of URA compliance documentation from the Meadowlands Project.	

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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 Q2-2022, 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-2 2022, the IOM Team's fraud prevention activities consisted of reviewing various project processes in order to identify possible vulnerabilities, recommend improvements, and monitor compliance, as described in the answer to Question 14.	
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	Martin Aronchick - 15.50; Scott Millman - 42.50; Chris Ward - 5.00; Robert Thompson - 8.75	
24.	Add any item, issue or comment not covered in previous sections but deemed pertinent to monitoring program.	None noted.	

Name of Integrity Monitor: Thacher Associates
Name of Report Preparer: Martin C. Aronchick

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	Signature: Date:	<i>Martin C. Aronchuk</i> August 17, 2022	