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No.	Recipient Data Elements	Response	Comments
A. General Info			
1.	Recipient of funding	Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission (PVSC)	
2.	Federal Funding Agency? (e.g. HUD, FEMA)	FEMA	
3.	State Funding (if applicable)	N/A	
4.	Award Type	FEMA 406 Restoration and 406 Mitigation Funding	
5.	Award Amount	\$555.9 million	
6.	Contract/Program Person/Title	E. David Barth, Guidehouse Project Manager	
7.	Brief Description, Purpose and Rationale of Project/Program	<p>Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission has received federal FEMA funding in the amount \$555.9 million through 47 different Project Worksheets (PW). The scope of Guidehouse's work is limited to 12 specific projects where the anticipated contract values would exceed \$5 million. As of December 31, 2023 eight (8) projects representing nine contracts exceeded the integrity monitoring threshold:</p> <p>Project #1 Temporary By-Pass Cabling - Travis A919 Contract; Project #2 Administration Controls Building - Fine Wall Contract; Project #3 Program Management Services - AECOM/HDR Contract; Project #4 Floodwall Engineering - STV-MottMacDonald Contract; Project #5 Floodwall Construction - Railroad - Poscillico JV; Project #6 Standby Power Plant Engineering - Black & Veatch Contract; Project #7 Standby Power Plant Construction - Siemens Contract and Kyle Conti Contract and Project #9 Switchgears and Motor Controls Center - Tomar Construction.</p> <p>The work under Projects #8 Phase 2 Motor Repairs, #10 Motor / Pump Repairs, #11 PAC Motor Repairs, and #12 Additional By-Pass Cabling did not exceed the integrity monitoring threshold. Accordingly these four contracts/projects were not monitored.</p>	
8.	Contract/Program Location	PVSC, 600 Wilson Avenue, Newark, NJ	
9.	Amount Expended to Date	<p>As of December 31, 2023 the following payments (associated with the eight of the above referenced projects) have been made:</p> <p>Project #1 Temporary By-Pass Cabling - Travis - \$16,064,126; Project #2 Administration Controls Building - Fine Wall - \$6,247,151; Project #3 Program Management Service - AECOM/HDR - \$32,406,625; Project #4 Floodwall Engineering - STV-MottMacDonald - \$5,428,060; Project #5 Floodwall Construction - Railroad-Posillico JV - \$200,788,376; Project #6 Standby Power Plant Engineering - Black & Veatch - \$5,807,502; Project #7 Standby Power Plant Construction - Siemens Energy - \$33,532,215 and Kyle Conti - \$3,904,413; and Project #9 Switchgears and Motor Controls Center - Tomar Construction - \$26,292,650.</p>	

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10.	Amount Provided to other State or Local Entities	\$0	
11.	Completion Status of Contract or Program	<p>The Completion Status for each of the eight projects, currently subject to our review, is as follows:</p> <p>#1) Temporary By-Pass Cabling - Travis contract. The work authorized under this contract has been completed.</p> <p>#2) Administration Controls Building - Finewall Construction. The work authorized under this contract has been completed.</p> <p>#3) Program Management Services - AECOM/HDR contract. The AECOM/HDR contract was awarded on February 13, 2015. The initial contract period was for two years. On March 16, 2017 PVSC extended the AECOM-HDR contract an additional two years. On March 12, 2019 PVSC authorized Contract Amendment #8 extending the contract an additional two years to April 5, 2021. On March 11, 2021 PVSC authorized Contract Amendment #10 extending the contract an additional two years to April 2, 2023. On March 9, 2023 PVSC authorized Contract Amendment #11 extending the contract an additional two years to April 2, 2025.</p> <p>#4) Floodwall Engineering - STV/Mott MacDonald (MM) contract. The contract award was authorized on September 20, 2016. The contract was executed on November 14, 2016. As of December 31, 2023 STV - MM is continuing to provide construction management services.</p> <p>#5) Floodwall Construction - Railroad - Posillico Joint Venture contract. The construction contract was awarded in the amount of \$225,900,000. The Notice to Proceed issued on March 4, 2020. Construction work of the floodwall is nearly complete along with the stormwater collection system, work continues on the stormwater pump stations. The anticipated substantial completion date is August 2024.</p> <p>#6) Standby Power Plant Engineering - Black & Veatch contract. The contract award was authorized on July 14, 2016 with the contract being executed on October 20, 2016. Engineering design for the generators and site prep work has been completed with acquisition and site prep contracts awarded. As of December 31, 2023 Black & Veatch is continuing to provide construction management services. The engineering design of the Standby Power Plant's construction has been completed. The award of the construction contract is pending the issuance of the NJDEP Title V Air Permit</p>	

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		<p>#7a) Standby Power Plant Construction (Site Prep) - Kyle Conti Construction contract. The contract was awarded in the amount of \$5,496,000. The Site Prep work has been completed.</p> <p>#7b) Standby Power Plant Construction (Turbine Acquisition) - Siemens Energy contract. On May 16, 2019 PVSC recommended the award of the turbine generator acquisition to Siemens Energy. The generator purchase award totaled \$51,466,049. Fabrication of the generators has been completed. Delivery is dependent on the Standby Power Plant's construction.</p> <p>#7c) Standby Power Plant Construction (Facility Construction) - The construction contract was advertised on May 6, 2021 with bids received on October 14, 2021. As of December 31, 2023, the award of the construction contract is pending approval of New Jersey's Department of Environmental Protection Title V Air Permit.</p> <p>#9) Switchgears and Motor Controls Center - Tomar Construction contract - The construction contract was awarded on October 12, 2017. All work has been completed.</p>	
12.	Expected Contract End Date/Time Period	<p>The contract end dates for the eight projects currently subject to our review are as follows: #1) Travis - March 22, 2016; #2) Fine Wall - October 28, 2016; #3) AECOM/HDR - April 2, 2025; #4) STV-MottMacDonald JV - May 1, 2024; #5) Railroad-Posillico Joint Venture - December 2024; #6) Black & Veatch - December 18, 2022; #7 Siemens Energy - June 10, 2021 and Kyle Conti - February 3, 2020; and #9) Tomar Construction - December 31, 2021. The contract end dates for the Railroad-Posillico JV and Tomar Construction contracts were extended due to the COVID-19 closure.</p>	

B. Monitoring Activities

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13.	If FEMA funded, brief description of the status of the project worksheet and its support.	<p>Guidehouse is currently monitoring five active projects/contracts. Funding is provided primarily through two Project Worksheets (PW):</p> <p>PW 4701 (Substations and Cables) supported the Temporary By-Pass Cabling Project (Travis contract); Standby Power Plant Construction - Site Prep (Kyle Conti Construction contract); and Motor Controls Center Construction (Tomar Construction contract); and supports ongoing Program Management Services (AECOM-HDR contract); Floodwall Engineering (STV-MottMacDonald contract); Floodwall Construction (Railroad Construction - Posillico JV contract); Standby Power Plant Engineering (Black & Veatch contract); Standby Power Plant Construction - Generator Acquisition (Siemens Energy contract), and Standby Power Plant Facility Construction (Pending Award) . In addition PW 4701 is supporting the construction of the Underground Cable Replacement and Tunnel Bulkhead Doors project and the Advance Electric I and II projects. Neither of these projects are subject to our monitoring.</p> <p>The authorized/eligible amount for PW 4701 is \$554.7 million although only 504.7 has been obligated. PVSC along with NJOEM has submitted a new Scope Change Request for PW 4701 increasing the cost from \$504 million to \$554 million to address increased construction cost and related work, which FEMA has approved. As of December 31, 2023, the increased funding has not been obligated by FEMA even through the Scope Change was approved by FEMA on June 21, 2023. The current end date of the PW's Period of Performance was extended to December 31, 2024, even though PVSC requested an extension through October 30, 2025.</p> <p>PW 4803 (Administration Controls Building) supported the Administration Building Reconstruction (Finewall Construction contract). PW 4803's authorized amount was \$12.2 million. All authorized work has been completed. FEMA closed this project on October 8, 2021.</p>	
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)	<p>Guidehouse's activities during this quarter were limited to virtual attendance at the Bi-Weekly FEMA Coordination Meetings and the Construction Progress Meeting for the Floodwall Construction.</p> <p>During the quarter Guidehouse communicated on a monthly basis the status of its' monitoring activities to the Treasury Integrity Monitor Liaison and PVSC executive leadership.</p> <p>During the quarter Guidehouse met with PVSC and others on the following dates: October 10, 2023- PVSC Engineering, AECOM-HDR, STV-MM, PS&S, Jacobs Engineering, Railroad Construction - Posillico JV, and NJDEP; October 11, 2023 - PVSC Engineering, AECOM-HDR, FEMA, NJOEM and NJDEP; October 25, 2023 - PVSC Engineering, AECOM-HDR, FEMA, NJOEM and NJDEP; November 8, 2023 - PVSC Engineering, AECOM-HDR, FEMA, NJOEM and NJDEP; November 14, 2023- PVSC Engineering, AECOM-HDR, STV-MM, PS&S, Jacobs Engineering, Railroad Construction - Posillico JV, and NJDEP; December 6, 2023 - PVSC Engineering, AECOM-HDR, FEMA, NJOEM and NJDEP; December 12, 2023 - PVSC Engineering, AECOM-HDR, STV-MM, PS&S, Jacobs Engineering, Railroad Construction - Posillico JV, and NJDEP; and December 20, 2023 - PVSC Engineering, AECOM-HDR, FEMA, NJOEM and NJDEP.</p>	

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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.	PVSC has provided Guidehouse copies of Travis, Fine Wall, AECOM/HDR, STV-MottMacDonald, Railroad-Poscillico JV, Black & Veatch, Siemens Energy, Kyle Conti Construction and Tomar Construction invoices and supporting documentation. With this information Guidehouse was able to confirm PVSC's compliance with FEMA and/or State administrative grant requirements and processes; and identify any issues that represented potential loss of Federal reimbursements.	
16.	Description of quarterly auditing activities that have been conducted to ensure procurement compliance with terms and conditions of the contracts and agreements.	During the Quarter Guidehouse continued to monitor the AECOM-HDR (Program Management Services), the STV-MottMacDonald (Floodwall Engineering) and Black and Veatch (Standby Power Plant Engineering) engineering contracts to verify compliance with contract pricing and/or deliverables. Guidehouse continued its review of the construction contract invoices for the Floodwall construction (Railroad - Posillico JV). During the quarter Guidehouse continued its monitoring of the contractor's performance and construction progress.	
17.	Have payment requisitions in connection with the contract/program been reviewed? Please describe	In aggregate, as of December 31, 2023, Guidehouse has reviewed 169 of 169 Travis (A919) invoices; 19 of 19 Fine Wall invoices; 93 of 96 AECOM/HDR invoices; 41 of 43 STV-MottMacDonald invoices; 42 of 44 Railroad-Poscillico JV invoices; 31 of 31 Black & Veatch invoices; 13 of 13 Kyle Conti invoices; 4 of 4 Siemens Energy invoices; and 49 of 49 Tomar invoices. The total value of the 169 reviewed Travis invoices represents \$16.1 million. The total value of the 19 Fine Wall reviewed invoices is \$6.2 million. The total value of the 93 AECOM/HDR invoices represents \$30.9 million. The total value of the 41 STV-MottMacDonald invoices represent \$5.4 million. The total value of the 42 Railroad-Posillico JV invoice represents \$193.4 million. The total value of the 31 Black & Veatch invoices represent \$5.8 million. The total value of the 13 Kyle Conti invoices represent \$3.9 million. The total value of the 4 Siemens Energy invoice totals \$33.5 million. The total value of the 49 Tomar invoices represent \$26.3 million.	
18.	Description of quarterly activity to prevent and detect waste, fraud and abuse.	During the Quarter, Guidehouse worked with PVSC Engineering and PVSC Finance staff to review contract invoices. PVSC has provided Guidehouse the requested documentation.	
19.	Provide details of any integrity issues/findings	None noted	

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20.	Provide details of any work quality or safety/environmental/historical preservation issue(s).	During this quarterly period Guidehouse's physical presence for the onsite construction oversight was limited due to COVID restrictions. All progress meeting were held virtually.	
21.	Provide details on any other items of note that have occurred in the past quarter	<p>PVSC continues to provide Guidehouse access to its procurement, financial and administrative files necessary to perform our reviews.</p> <p>PW Closeouts: As of December 31, 2023 PVSC has submitted a total of 42 Project Worksheets (PW) Closeouts to NJOEM and FEMA. FEMA has closed 30 PWs with the remaining 12 under review.</p> <p>Other FEMA Funded Work: Based on the scope of our contract, Guidehouse is not monitoring the following FEMA funded projects:</p> <p>Plant Wide Improvements: Two contract awards totaling \$23.7 million were made to Cherokee 8A Groupd and Riggs Distiller. The Cherokee work has been completed. Riggs Distiller is continuing work on 6 task orders associated with 6 different PWs, with an estimated cost of \$10.6 million. Once this work is completed, PVSC will be able to closeout another 5 PWs</p> <p>Advanced Electrical Construction (Phase I): Tomar Construction was awarded the construction contract in the amount of \$49.5 million on April 6, 2022. Approximately 30% of the work has been completed.</p> <p>Advanced Electrical Construction (Phase II): The construction cost estimate is \$67.5 million. The scheduled advertising date has been delayed pending the finalization of the NJDEP Title V Air Permit and construction of the Standby Power Plant.</p> <p>Replacement of the Underground Electric Cables and Utility Tunnel Bulkheads: Five Star Electric was awarded the contract in the amount of \$59.2 million. Approximately 37% of the work has been completed.</p> <p>None of these four projects are within the current scope of Guidehouse's integrity monitoring contract.</p>	
22.	Provide details of any actions taken to remediate waste, fraud and abuse noted in past quarters	No action has been taken or been necessary during the quarter.	
C. Miscellaneous			
23.	Attach a list of hours and expenses incurred to perform your quarterly integrity monitoring review	See Attached Time and Expense Report. During the quarter Guidehouse provided a total of 41.0 hours for a cost of \$7,304.66. There were no travel related expenses during the Quarter due to limited travel restrictions.	

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24	Add any item, issue or comment not covered in previous sections but deemed pertinent to monitoring program.	<p>Based on our review of PVSC's financial and administrative processes, we concluded that PVSC's processes are appropriate for complying with FEMA grant management requirements and NJOEM standards. Proper controls appear to be in place to minimize the risk of deobligation of federal funds; duplication of benefits; process and payment errors; and waste, fraud and abuse.</p> <p>In aggregate PVSC has submitted a total of 156 Time Extension Requests on 42 PWs. All have been submitted on a timely basis and as necessary. As of December 31, 2023, 155 of the Time Extension requests have been approved by FEMA. The Time Extension Request for PW 3471 is pending FEMA's review moving the end date from October 31, 2023 to April 30, 2024.</p> <p>PVSC has submitted 42 PW Closeout Requests to NJOEM. As of December 31, 2023, 30 PWs have been closed by NJOEM and FEMA, with 1 being finalized by NJOEM and the remaining 11 were pending FEMA's review/finalization.</p> <p>Delays with the issuing of the Title V Air Permit for the construction of the Standby Power Generator is impacting the completion of the overall FEMA Project and the closeout of PW 4701. Based on the current construction forecast, construction will take approximately three (3) years to complete once the permit is issued. FEMA has expressed concerns with New Jersey's delay in issuing the permit. A public hearing required by NJDEP was held on April 26, 2022 and PVSC responded to all public comments on July 3, 2022. The delays in the permit's approval is impacting the cost of the project and FEMA funding.</p>	

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Signature:	
Date:	15-Mar-24