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Subject: Contractor Coordination Meeting Summary

## **Contractor Coordination Meeting**

July 8, 2018 7:00 PM LaConcha Hotel - Ocean Room

# Participants:

PREPA (Walt Higgins (late))
Filsinger Energy (Nathan Pollock (late), Laura)
COR3 (Mark Merritt, Jan Maduro)
FEMA (Ahsha Tribble)
Cobra (Keith Ellison, Mark Guess)
Mastec (Rick Roton)
Foreman (Bront Bird, Luke Bird, JT Trainor)

### Purpose:

Clarify FEMA processes, contracting processes for FEMA eligibility, and realistic timelines for permanent work.

#### Points:

- FEMA does not have anything to do with PREPA's RFP process, selection, and approval.
  - Foreman stated that PREPA/Filsinger/PREPA Board told them that "Ahsha" was holding up the contract. It was made clear and confirmed by Filsinger that FEMA has nothing to do with their contract. Foreman's contract is sitting with OCPC in PREPA, and PREPA will provide any progress going forward.
  - Foreman also stated PREPA is non-responsive on any emails and calls for contracts.
  - We asked they that refrain from false accusations. Foreman agreed and stated they cannot get a straight answer out of PREPA and they were just repeating what they were told.
- If PREPA is seeking eligibility, FEMA will review a contract for procurement compliance and cost reasonableness on rates.
- The current RFP has a \$1.4B cap and three contractors were selected.
  - Cobra was awarded, properly procured, and rates reasonable (by June 15)
  - Mastec was awarded, properly procured, and some rates are reasonable and others are not (by June 30)
- In order for work to be funded by FEMA, we must have a project worksheet with eligible work defined by PREPA. To date, PREPA has NOT identified any permanent work. Therefore, beyond Cobra's continued emergency work, there is no permanent work in the pipeline for these contractors.

- FEMA's point was that we owe it to the contractors to give them realistic timelines for assignment of work so they can make a business decision to continue to wait on island, use crews/equipment elsewhere, retain lodging/space contracts, etc. To date, they have not been given any definitive information, and they are frustrated.
- MasTec decided to mobilize on its own (was given an NTP by PREPA and then asked to stand down a few days later by PREPA) is concerned of the backlash if they cancel local contracts. They are requesting a communications strategy around this.
- All contractors received the same information at the same time on process and were able to ask questions.
- Contractors asked Mr. Higgins when they would have a better estimate for permanent work, and Mr. Higgins said "we are working it."
- Next steps are for contractors to make their business decision to wait it out or demob, and for PREPA to identify permanent work.