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Subject: **Public Comment on Information Collection Forms for the Direct Component and Centers of Excellence Research Grants Program**

Pinellas County has the following comments in response to the e-mail request from Laurie McGilvray dated May 4, 2016 regarding **Public Comment on Information Collection Forms for the Direct Component and Centers of Excellence Research Grants Program** under the e-mail Subject: "RESTORE Act Funding Opportunity Announcements and Update."

Comment 1. In response to our dune walkover project grant application, a construction project, the Treasury asked for what the County believes was un-necessary additional in-depth information about "best available science," and that the additional information requested was outside the agency's area of responsibility with no practical utility.

We believe some of the additional information requested was not needed for the County's MYIP dune walkover project. That is a straight-forward dune walkover construction project in which the original application clearly cited:

a) the "FEMA P-55, Coastal Construction Manual chapter on Dune Walkover Guidance,
b) "FDEP and USFWS documentation about how dune walkovers protect sand dunes,
c) a "Shoreline Enhancement and Restoration" guidance document produced by Palm Beach County,
d) the erosion response plan by the City of South Padres Island stating how dune walkover protect dunes by limiting pedestrian traffic, and
e) that the project will also require a State Coastal Construction Control Line permit under the authority of Chapter 161 Florida Statutes that addresses "Beach and Shore Preservation Act" provisions.

The Treasury's Application Review Questions related to Best Available Science asked for responses to the following questions:

Question 4. - [Narrative, B1 or B2] Please include the sea oats plantings in the description of the

project (in your response to B1), budget (response to B2) and Best Available Science determination if relevant (response to B6). Describe the purpose of the plantings as either to restore the dunes in general or only to restore areas disturbed by construction (replacing vegetation destroyed during construction per FL-DEP Beach and Dune Walkover Guidance). Describe the standards or methodology that will be used in the planning stages for the sea oats plantings (i.e. FL-DEP permit standards). If the sea oats plantings are for the restoration of the dunes in general, please include literature that the restoration will be based on Best Available Science.

Question 10. - [Narrative, B6] How did the cited Best Available Science literature influence the project design? Is the county planning to build the walkovers following a particular set of guidelines or standards, i.e. CCCL permit, Coastal Construction Manual: Dune Walkover Guidance?

Comment 2. To improve the clarity of expected information requested on the various forms, please provide sample forms that have been completed. Clearer instructions with examples on how to complete the various online and other forms to be attached to each grant application would result in fewer requests for clarification and additional information from the Treasury.

From: Laurie.McGilvray@treasury.gov [mailto:Laurie.McGilvray@treasury.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2016 11:59 AM
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Subject: RESTORE Act Funding Opportunity Announcements and Update

Dear Florida County Eligible Applicants and Grantees:

We want to provide you with a brief update on a few items.

Funding Opportunity Announcements – We posted the fifth set of funding opportunity announcements yesterday. The announcements are open May 3, 2016 through July 31, 2016. You should have received notification from GrantSolutions.gov. The funding opportunity announcements also will be posted on Treasury's RESTORE Act website.

Public Comment on Information Collection Forms for the Direct Component and Centers of Excellence Research Grants Program - As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the Department of the Treasury invites comment on an extension of an existing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Treasury's Office of the Fiscal Assistant Secretary is soliciting comments concerning the application, reports, and recordkeeping for the RESTORE Act Direct Component and the Centers of Excellence Research Grants Program. You may submit comments concerning:

- Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the

functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information;
- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;
- Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and
- Estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Written comments should be received on or before June 27, 2016. Please send comments regarding the burden estimate, or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to restoreact@treasury.gov or contact Janet Vail at 202-622-6873 in the Office of Gulf Coast Restoration. Additional information and electronic copies of the forms can be found at Treasury's RESTORE Act website at https://www.treasury.gov/services/restore-act//Pages/propose-revisions-to-forms-and-reports.aspx.

We are available to assist as you continue your efforts to complete Direct Component multiyear plans and apply for grants. Please let us know if you have any questions at restoreact@treasury.gov.

Sincerely,

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