

LEGISLATIVE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PROGRAM OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
ACT 150, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2009

DEPARTMENT/AGENCY QUESTIONNAIRE

Instructions: Please use this MS Word document as a template, entering your answers below the corresponding number/letter. The commission is cognizant of the numerous reporting requirements of ARRA and does not wish to burden your Department or agency with duplicative requests for information where possible. Please use information that you have all ready reported to the Federal government, as applicable.

If a question is not applicable please indicate N/A. The information requested under question 1 should be answered under each item for each group/category or program/project. However, Questions 2 and 3 need not be answered for each group/category or program/project.

1. For each group/category or program/project for which ARRA funds have been obtained, please provide the following information:

(a) A brief summary of the program/project, including goals;

The Navy and Marine Corps, which comprise the Department of Navy, executed six (6) repair and construction projects totaling \$80.6M. Projects included the construction of a new Child Development Center, repair of buildings, an aircraft runway, and piers/wharfs, as well as, the installation of photovoltaic systems. These projects were accomplished by the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC).

The Navy is executing two additional projects for other Federal Departments. The first is a \$7.2M parking lot for the Department of Interior, National Park Service. The second is a Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) laboratory and regional headquarters building. The NOAA project is yet to be awarded with an estimated amount of over \$100M. These numbers are not reflected in the following questions, but provided for your information.

(b) Whether funds were appropriated for expenditure by a federal agency, were awarded as a formula/block grant to a State or county agency, or were awarded on a competitive grant basis;

Funds were appropriated by a federal agency (Department of Navy).

(c) Whether matching funds are required, and, if so:

- (i) Are they available;
- (ii) Have they been secured;

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- (iii) If they have not been secured, why not; and
- (iv) Will the State be required to continue that match or provide increased/full funding in the future;

No matching funds were/are required.

- (d) If there are additional requirements to receive funds, what are they;

No additional requirements to receive funds.

- (e) The amount of funds involved and the state/federal fiscal year within which the funds must be expended (e.g. SFY 2009-2010 or FFY 2009-2010);

The amounts of funds involved are \$80.6M. All of these funds were/are for FFY 2009-2010.

- (f) What criteria were used to identify the program/project as a priority and how does the program/project meet them;

The Navy criteria to select projects was based on prioritized requirements in specific areas; Quality of Life (e.g., Child Development Centers), energy (e.g., photovoltaic systems), and operational facilities. Within each of the specific areas, projects were ranked by the operational impact on the installation and the speed of execution.

- (g) Efforts undertaken to coordinate application for funds and administration of the program/project, including expenditure of funds, with other federal, state, and county agencies;

NAVFAC received funds from the Department of Defense via the Department of Navy. NAVFAC solicited and awarded these Architect/Engineer and construction contracts, as well as, performing the contract administration and authorizing expenditure of funds.

- (h) The criteria used to select activities for the program/project;

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- (i) Efforts made to provide public notice and seek public comment/input or, if public comment/input was not sought, why;

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All the projects were developed on Federal property within Navy and Marine Corps installations; therefore public comment was not sought. However, following the development and funding of projects, public notice was provided through the Department of Defense American Recovery and Reinvestment Act website as well as NAVFAC news releases.

- (j) Efforts made during the bidding/award process to ensure that it was transparent and that the funds were awarded based on merit and in a prompt, fair, and reasonable manner;

Projects were awarded via full and open competition using a best-value approach in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulations. This was validated by a recent Department of Defense Inspector General audit of two of the projects.

- (k) Measures employed to: (1) reduce duplication of efforts, (2) ensure that funds were used for authorized purposes, and (3) prevent cost overruns, fraud, waste, error, and abuse;

Projects were developed, executed, and managed by NAVFAC professionals who routinely acquire these types of projects. Subject Matter Experts in all areas of programming, planning, design, construction, contracting, contract oversight, and quality assurance were used. Our Architect/Engineer firms and construction contractors are well regarded and experienced. The Federal Acquisition Regulations with ARRA exceptions and well established NAVFAC policies were followed.

- (l) Current status of the program/project, including percentage of awarded funds that have been obtained, percentage of awarded funds encumbered and/or expended, and what part(s) of program/project have been completed; and

The current funding status of the six (6) active projects is 100% obligation with approximately 63% expended to date. Three projects are completed, one is projected to be completed in December 2010, and the remaining two projected to be completed by the summer of 2011.

- (m) Actual or anticipated economic impact to the State of the program/project, including the number of jobs saved/created and the long-term public benefits of the program/project.

The projects provided a substantial amount of funds to local Architect/Engineer firms and construction contractors. To date the reported job savings are in the hundreds with more anticipated as the projects progress.

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2. For other programs/projects, if ARRA funds, such as competitive grants, were available for a program/project but were not sought or were denied, please briefly describe why the funds were not sought or why they were denied.

[This does not apply to our program/project.](#)

3. Please describe:

- (a) Any legal/operational barriers/constraints encountered in the award, receipt, encumbrance, or expenditure of funds, including procurement, late/delayed federal guidance, and reporting requirements;

[No significant barriers/constraints were encountered.](#)

- (b) The effect of those barriers/constraints; and

[Not applicable.](#)

- (c) If and how they were mitigated.

[Not applicable.](#)