



Performance Report

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Details

RAAMS ID	59
Project Title	Commitment and Planning Support – DHS / U.S. Coast Guard
Project Start Date	06/01/2018
Project End Date	05/31/2023
Requested Funds	\$1,964,776.00

Project Abstract

The purpose of this project is to enhance collaboration, coordination, public engagement and the use of best available science to more effectively meet the requirements of the RESTORE Act Council-Selected Restoration Component, meet the commitments of the Comprehensive Plan Update, and address associated planning needs for developing future Funded Priorities Lists (FPLs). The Department of Homeland Security, through the United States Coast Guard, will build upon existing partnerships to strengthen collaboration between Regional and Area Response Committees and Council members to determine the need to better integrate spill resiliency and acute pollution response readiness into restoration planning. The Coast Guard will take a stepwise approach to planning and collaboration activities over the 5-year period of this award to meet the near-term need to develop the strongest proposals as possible for the next FPL while setting the foundation for long-term restoration success. Because planning is inherently iterative, these CPS funds will be administered in a way that allows the flexibility needed as the planning process proceeds. To that end, the collaboration strategies directly connected to processes and engagements of bucket 2 efforts for subsequent years will be developed as part of each year's activities to build upon the progress, success and lessons learned in each year.

PERSONNEL

Primary Organization Personnel			
Primary	Role	Name	Organization Name
No	Financial Point of Contact	Andrew Jepson, Michael	US Coast Guard
No	Financial Point of Contact	Sarah Habbert,	US Coast Guard
No	Agency Responsible Official	Dana Tulis	US Coast Guard
Yes	Project Lead / Point of Contact	Steven Tucker, M	US Coast Guard

Other Personnel (Partners, Subrecipients, and Contractors)		
Role	Name	Organization Name

PERFORMANCE NARRATIVES

Performance Report: Issues Encountered

Onboarding of the supporting staff position provided for in the IAA is underway, following internal analyses of available instruments and mechanisms.

Work to crosswalk the Coast Guard's fiscal tracking and reporting systems with the IAA budget and with RAAMs requirements is ongoing. Additional analysis of the Coast Guard's approach and desired end-state with respect to both external and internal contexts, is also ongoing. At time of reporting, early results of work to assess demand for spill sensitivity tools/models, were indeterminant.

Performance Report: Summary of Work

During the first year of performance, the Coast Guard moved forward on the scope of work described in the CPS inter agency agreement (IAA). To do so, the Coast Guard embarked in a hiring process for a civilian TERM employee to serve as Point of Contact (POC), to provide regular representation of DHS and the Coast Guard to the Council Steering Committee and to undertake related RESTORE obligations. The IAA also provides for the hiring of a supporting position. Following an internal assessment of mechanisms available to meet this need, the Coast Guard elected to leverage an existing, previously awarded to contract in order to onboard a second civilian employee, expected to start co-incident with start of the next federal fiscal year. Substantial internal administrative work was required to establish linkages and reporting vehicles for the award, cross-walking Council requirements with Coast Guard's existing framework for financial tracking and reporting. This was brought to the forefront in part by the lapse in appropriations early in 2019, and additional work to coordinate and streamline reporting processes continues.

Once hired, the POC convened a working group of subject matter experts within the Coast Guard, and established a regular schedule for teleconferences supported by additional communications, thus leveraging different tiers of the Coast Guard command and response structures. The primary focus of this group is to scope an optimal proposal for future funding that will implement work within the parameters of "Bucket 2" to advance the concept of "Response Ready Restoration" through a collaboration of Coast Guard and other parties, as described in earlier materials. The group was also leveraged for additional expertise and insights when responding to RESTORE Council member requests for review/advice on potential proposals.

The POC also integrated into the ongoing work of the Council Monitoring and Assessment Working Group, the Public Engagement Working Group and the Texas state-federal group in addition to meeting obligations to participate in the Council's Steering Committee.

The POC also met with Council representatives and stakeholders both in-person and via separate telephone conversations, to discuss Coast Guard support for ongoing and anticipated RESTORE work, or other areas of mutual interest. This was accomplished through separately scheduled meetings appurtenant to regularly scheduled working group and public comment meetings or separately scheduled telephone calls.

PERFORMANCE REPORTING QUESTIONS

01. What year are you in your project?	1.00
02a. What type of project?	Other
02b. If you selected "other," how would you describe your project type?	CPS Planning Support
03a. Have you updated your current metric values in RAAMS?	Yes
03b. Are you on target to meet your final metric values?	Yes
04a. Have you started collecting or compiling observational data to support your metric values?	NA
04b. If "no" was selected for question 4a, but your answer to question 3a was "yes," when do you expect to start collecting or compiling the data to support your metric values?	Current CPS metrics are qualitative and not quantitative, generally requiring participation and expenditure of effort without discreet numerical requirements or measures.
05. Have you started analyzing your data?	NA
06. Are you on track towards meeting your project goal(s) within the award time?	Yes
07a. Is there any indication that this project may not fully accomplish the stated project completion goal(s), either with or without implementing adaptive management strategy(ies)?	No
07b. If "yes," have you communicated this in any way to Council staff? Do you need to have a discussion with staff?	
08a. Have you identified any adaptive management strategies that need to be implemented?	NA
08b. If "yes," briefly describe the strategy(ies), including your plan to identify and implement the necessary strategy(ies).	
09a. Do you have TBD items in the ODP?	No
09b. If applicable, have you updated the ODP?	NA
09c. If "no," when it will be updated?	
10a. Do you have TBD items in the DMP?	No
10b. If applicable, have you updated the DMP?	NA
10c. If "no," when it will be updated?	
11a. Are your data publicly available?	No
11b. If "no," when and how will it be shared?	Also not applicable.
11c. If "yes," how is it accessible?	NA

12a. Have you updated your leveraged funding in RAAMS?	NA (project includes no leveraged funding)
12b. Are your leveraged funds on target?	NA (project includes no leveraged funding)
13a. Have you updated your GIS files?	No
13b. If "yes," please describe what changed and why.	This CPS project is not contingent on geospatial mapping at this time.

LEVERAGED FUNDING

Type:	
Status:	
Source:	
Source Type:	
Planned Amount:	\$
Actual Amount:	\$
Description:	

METRICS

Template Name:	Collaboration Actions
Metric Name:	CPS010 - Collaborative preparation of applications for IAAs, grants and other related items required prior to implementing project-specific interagency activities

Baseline	
Current	No
Completion	

Notes:	Materials for the current CPS were completed prior to this performance period. Threshold discussions were held with other agencies, and included discussions of implementation partnerships that might be palatable for FPL3, and beyond.
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Template Name:	Collaboration Actions
Metric Name:	CPS002 - Participate in meetings, workshops, etc. with Council members and other potential FPL funding partners

Baseline	
Current	Yes
Completion	

Notes:	Participated in routine meetings of Steering Committee, Monitoring Assessment Working Group, Public Engagement Group and Texas State/Federal group. Also initiated meetings with Council members and agency representatives separately.
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Template Name:	Collaboration Actions
Metric Name:	CPS006 - Development of concepts, project scoping, pre-submission environmental compliance review/coordination, and technical assistance for potential FPL projects

Baseline	
Current	Yes
Completion	

Notes:	Convened a working group of subject matter experts from various tiers of the Coast Guard organization, to
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	scope and vetted potential Coast Guard FPL submissions and to review those of other Council members, the later to the extent information was made available. Reviewed and provided comments and potential proposals at the request of the State of Texas, with support from the internal working group.
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Template Name:	Collaboration Actions
Metric Name:	CPS004 - Participate in technical meetings/focus groups related to future FPL submissions

Baseline	
Current	Yes
Completion	

Notes:	Participated in related meetings for development of Planning Framework and on mechanics of FPL3.
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Template Name:	Collaboration Actions
Metric Name:	CPS001 - Sponsor workshops, meetings, etc. related to future FPL submissions

Baseline	
Current	Yes
Completion	

Notes:	Convened a working group of internal subject matter experts and developed schedule of regular coordination via conference call, to discuss Gulf restoration/response needs across different tiers of command.
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Template Name:	Collaboration Actions
Metric Name:	CPS009 - Preparation of collaboratively developed proposals, (e.g., entry of proposals into the Council's FPL Collaboration Tool or RAAMS)

Baseline	
Current	No
Completion	

Notes:	These activities were conducted in advance of the IAA for this performance period of the CPS award. The
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	Coast Guard provided input upon request to candidate proposals, but at time of reporting is not yet engaged in formal joint sponsorship or entry of related data for any specific proposal.
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Template Name:	Collaboration Actions
Metric Name:	CPS007 - Process-related activities to support FPL project/program options development (e.g., decision support structure development, preparation of collaboration materials, Council workgroup participation, public comment review)

Baseline	
Current	Yes
Completion	

Notes:	Participated in all elements listed.
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Template Name:	Collaboration Actions
Metric Name:	CPS005 - Public engagement activities related to FPL submission development

Baseline	
Current	Yes
Completion	

Notes:	Attended Council webinars for Draft Planning Framework and in-person public comment sessions held in each state.
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Template Name:	Collaboration Actions
Metric Name:	CPS011 - Other (Please provide a brief description of this collaboration action)

Baseline	
Current	No
Completion	

Notes:	
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Template Name:	Collaboration Actions
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Metric Name:	CPS003 - Participate in Council meetings regarding the Council-Selected Restoration Component
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Baseline	
Current	Yes
Completion	

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Template Name:	Collaboration Actions
Metric Name:	CPS008 - Evaluation activities to determine the impact of the Council's projects/programs and inform adaptive management

Baseline	
Current	Yes
Completion	

Notes:	Project proposals for FPL3 remained largely conceptual through this performance period, providing scant material for review/analysis.
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PUBLICATIONS

Title	Year	Name	Status

UPLOADS

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