

To: CRCOG Policy Board
From: Lyle Wray, Executive Director
Date: August 31, 2020
Subject: Sole Source Procurement for CARES funded Project

CRCOG has been notified that CRCOG will be the administering agency for a state-wide Long-Term Recovery Planning Grant via the CARES act. Part of the requirement for this grant is to procure and expend the funding by December 31, 2020.

This project is in direct response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the purpose is to undertake a statewide economic recovery planning process that incorporates resilience best practices and is explicitly inclusive of and responds directly to longstanding equity issues by broadening the participation at the regional and local levels.

Because the grant was delayed at the state level and the project must be completed by December 31, 2020, CRCOG does not have the time to do even a truncated Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

The Global Resilience Institute of Northeastern (GRI) is a leader in resiliency planning and has been instrumental in the FEMA recovery planning process in the northeast.

GRI has been a recipient of a number of awards in the FEMA Region 1 (the Northeast). Those include the following:

- Phase 1: 4/6/20 – 5/6/20 “COVID-19 Federal Disaster Economic Recovery Planning”
- Phase 2: 5/1/20 – 10/16/20 “Expansion of Test-Bed Approach Throughout New England to Support Mission Scoping Analysis and Regional Support Strategy”
- Phase 3: 4/6/20 – 7/24/20 “Supporting FEMA Region 1 in Building a Resilient Recovery from COVID-19 Disruption”
- Phase 4: 7/6/20 – 9/30/20 “Supporting the Development of Collaborative Higher Education Sector COVID-19 Economic Recovery and Resilience Strategic Planning within FEMA Region 1
- Phase 5: 7/1/20 – 12/31/20 “Data Analytic Support and Predictive Analytics Capability to Support FEMA Region One Long Term Recovery – Analyzing and Consolidating Federal, State and Local Data in Support of State, Tribal and Local Governments with Their Long Term Recovery Needs, Mapping of Potential Solutions and Federal Programs to Meet Those Needs and Technical Assistance to States in Monitoring Their Recovery Efforts ”

- Phase 6: 8/1/20 – 12/31/20 “Operational Assistance to FEMA Region 1 to Facilitate Coordination with State, Local and Tribal Officials in Undertaking COVID-19 Economic Recovery that Achieves Resilience Outcomes”

In addition, GRI has been selected for Economic Development Agency Grants

- 4/9/20 – 4/8/21 “Resilience Strategies for 4 Maine Opportunity Zones”
- 6/1/20 – 5/31/22 “New Orleans East Opportunity Zones Resilience Strategy”

Each of the above grants and work are directly related to the grant from the CARES fund from OPM. Consequently, CRCOG staff is requesting approval of sole-source selection of GRI for this COVID-19 Recovery Project.

The attached resolution affirms the sole source determination made by CRCOG staff and permits the Executive Director to execute and amend the contract with GRI.