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10. Performance Narrative				
Please see Performance Narrative Attachment B section				

Certification

11. Certification: I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that this report is correct and complete for performance of activities for the purposes set forth in the award documents.	
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11b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official Signed by Hogarath , William T.	11e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year) 2015-10-29

SF-PPR - Performance Narrative Attachment B

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B-1 Major activities and accomplishments during this period

B-1	Explanation
	<p>The Notice of Award (CFDA # 21.015) was issued August 20, 2015, for grant number RCEGR020002-01-00, entitled <i>Florida RESTORE Act Centers of Excellence Program (FLRACEP)</i>. The award period is from September 1, 2015 to February 28, 2018. As fully described in the Florida Institute of Oceanography Financial Assistance Application to the Department of Treasury, major activities prior to September 1 included: a public scoping process to inform the FLRACEP Rules and Policies (attached) and initial Request for Proposals (RFP I, attached) focused on RA Discipline # 2 (coastal fisheries and wildlife research and technologies); identification and by-laws for the Program Management Team (PMT, By-laws attached); and peer review process coordinated by FIO utilizing an ad hoc Science Review Panel and the PMT, which led to designation of eight (8) FL Centers of Excellence (CE) (also described in the application).</p> <p>During this report period (September 1-30), we developed Sub-agreements (example attached) with Award Terms and Conditions, for ten (10) science and technology sub-grants to be conducted by the 8 CEs. As of Sep. 30, FIO was still negotiating with the CEs to fully execute these Sub-agreements. Progress by Centers of Excellence grantees and program management based on specific performance measures are shown in the attached RESTORE Act Status of Performance Report</p> <p>Attachments: FLRACEP Rules and Policies, FLRACEP RFP I, Program Management Team Bylaws, FLRACEP Award Terms and Conditions example, RESTORE Act Status of Performance Report</p> <p>Attach</p>

B-2 Problems

B-2	Explanation
	<p>We submitted our original application in March 2015 and it took over three months to finalize the application submitted July 31 leading to award notice on August 20, 2015. Only then could we process Sub-agreements, as Grantees required a copy of the Prime Award to execute. We were adamant about beginning CE grant periods by September 1 and as shown in Attachment 3 of the example Sub-agreement, expect the CE projects will commence during this report period.</p> <p>Attachments: none</p> <p>Attach</p>

B-3 Significant findings and events

B-3	Explanation
	<p>None to report.</p> <p>Attachments: none</p> <p>Attach</p>

B-4 Dissemination activities

B-4	Explanation
	<p>A Web page was developed for the program at http://fio.marine.usf.edu/research/flracep (http://fio.marine.usf.edu/research/flracep). Fact sheets for each of the 10 CE projects are available via the web site.</p> <p>Attachments: None</p> <p>Attach</p>

B-5 Other Activities

B-5	Explanation
	<p>None to report.</p> <p>Attachments: None.</p> <p>Attach</p>

B-6 Activities planned for next reporting period

B-6	Explanation
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Commence CE activities: All CE Subagreements are in place.

All-Hands Annual Meeting: On November 5-6, 2015, will hold a mandatory Kick-off meeting sponsored by FIO, FLRACEP will host its initial all-hands annual meeting with CEs and the PMT. As described in the attached Agenda, the purpose is to inform progress reports, promote collaborations, and develop strategies.

Information Management System: We have drafted an Information Management Plan for approval by the PMT during the November 5-6, 2015, all hands meeting. Highlights include: development of a Project Information Management System (relational, web-based database), an end-to-end (Letters of Intent to final publications) repository for project metadata and outputs from all program activities; and use of the Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative Information and Data Collaborative (GRIIDC) IMS to support metadata records on CE project datasets.

Strategic Plan: A draft FLRACEP Strategic Plan includes priority goals and objectives for guiding both this award plus future Trust Fund applications. It will be reviewed by the PMT at the Nov. 2015 annual meeting then disseminated.

RFP II for Discipline 5: Funds from this award were set aside to (still retained by Treasury per SAC # 1) to support RA Discipline # 5 (comprehensive ecosystem monitoring). With PMT input, it was decided that given the perceived nature of "comprehensive," related activities should be coordinated at least with the other states Centers of Excellence, most of which have not been designated as of Sep. 30, 2015. We expect them to come on-line by the end of 2015.

Coordinate with other restoration programs: In October 2015, we received an invitation to participate in the NOAA RESTORE Act Science Program Science Advisory Working Group (Group 1); we have not been advised of meeting schedule yet. We await an invitation to engage with the Ad Hoc Gulf Restoration Science Forum.

Attachments: Agenda for FLRACEP 2015 Annual Meeting

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