

ABBREVIATED RECORD OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

See 44 Code of Federal Regulation Part 10.

Project Name/Number: LSU Lions Eye (State ID 10923)/ PW 15641/ FIPS 000-UCW3G-00

Project Location: 2020 Gravier St., New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana 70112, Latitude: 29.95661, Longitude: -90.08336

Project Description: Heavy Rains and flooding from Hurricane Katrina caused extensive damage to the computer network core switches and infrastructure located in Room 156 of the Lions Eye clinic. This project is for the replacement of the electrical and mechanical equipment related to the computer network and includes a Hazard Mitigation Proposal to move the equipment from the first to the second floor by providing sufficient power and fiber optic cable to support the network.

Documentation Requirements

- (Short version) All consultation and agreements implemented to comply with the National Historic Preservation Act, Endangered Species Act, and Executive Orders 11988, 11990 and 12898 are completed and no other laws apply. **(Review Concluded)**
- (Long version) All applicable laws and executive orders were reviewed. Additional information for compliance is attached to this REC and/or included in project files, as applicable.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Determination

- Statutorily excluded from NEPA review. **(Review Concluded)**
- Programmatic Categorical Exclusion - **(Review Concluded)**
- Categorical Exclusion - Category
 - No Extraordinary Circumstances exist.
Are project conditions required? Yes (see section V) No **(Review Concluded)**
 - Extraordinary Circumstances exist (See Section IV).
 Extraordinary Circumstances mitigated. (See Section IV comments)
Are project conditions required? Yes (see section V) No **(Review Concluded)**
- Environmental Assessment
- Supplemental Environmental Assessment (Reference EA or PEA in comments)
- Environmental Impact Statement

Comments: This project meets the definition of critical infrastructure (hospitals and health care facilities) under the Alternative Arrangements for NEPA compliance.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

- No historic properties that are listed or 45/50 years or older in project area. **(Review Concluded)**
- Building or structure listed or 45/50 years or older in project area and activity not exempt from review.
 - Determination of No Historic Properties Affected (FEMA finding/SHPO/THPO concurrence on file)
Are project conditions required? Yes (see section V) No **(Review Concluded)**

- Determination of Historic Properties Affected (FEMA finding/SHPO/THPO concurrence on file)
 - Property a National Historic Landmark and National Park Service was provided early notification during the consultation process. If not, explain in comments
 - No Adverse Effect Determination (FEMA finding/SHPO/THPO concurrence on file). Are project conditions required? Yes (see section V) No (**Review Concluded**)
 - Adverse Effect Determination (FEMA finding/SHPO/THPO concurrence on file)
 - Resolution of Adverse Effect completed. (MOA on file) Are project conditions required Yes (see section V) No (**Review Concluded**)

Comments:

Correspondence/Consultation/References: NHPA effect determinations made by Derek A. Galose, FEMA Historic Preservation Specialist.

ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

- Project affects only previously disturbed ground. (**Review Concluded**)
- Project affects undisturbed ground.
 - Project area has no potential for presence of archeological resources
 - Determination of no historic properties affected (FEMA finding/SHPO/THPO concurrence or consultation on file). (**Review Concluded**)
 - Project area has potential for presence of archeological resources
 - Determination of no historic properties affected (FEMA finding/SHPO/THPO concurrence on file) Are project conditions required Yes (see section V) No (**Review Concluded**)
 - Determination of historic properties affected
 - NR eligible resources not present (FEMA finding/SHPO/THPO concurrence on file). Are project conditions required Yes (see section V) No (**Review Concluded**)
 - NR eligible resources present in project area. (FEMA finding/ SHPO/THPO concurrence on file)
 - No Adverse Effect Determination. (FEMA finding/ SHPO/THPO concurrence on file) Are project conditions required? Yes (see section V) No (**Review Concluded**)
 - Adverse Effect Determination. (FEMA finding/ SHPO/THPO concurrence on file)
 - Resolution of Adverse Effect completed. (MOA on file) Are project conditions required? Yes (see section V) No (**Review Concluded**)

Comments: Project does not include ground disturbing activities.

Correspondence/Consultation/References: Damage description and scope of work from Project Worksheet 15641

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

- No listed species and/or designated critical habitat present in areas affected directly or indirectly by the Federal action. (**Review Concluded**)
- Listed species and/or designated critical habitat present in the areas affected directly or indirectly by the Federal action.
 - No effect to species or designated critical habitat. (See comments for justification)

- Are project conditions required? Yes (see section V) No **(Review Concluded)**
 May affect, but not likely to adversely affect species or designated critical habitat (FEMA determination/USFWS/NMFS concurrence on file) **(Review Concluded)**
 Are project conditions required? Yes (see section V) No **(Review Concluded)**
 Likely to adversely affect species or designated critical habitat
 Formal consultation concluded. (Biological Assessment and Biological Opinion on file)
 Are project conditions required? YES (see section V) NO **(Review Concluded)**

Comments:

Correspondence/Consultation/References: Endangered Species Summary for USFWS Consultation and letter to Don Fairley dated September 15, 2005

E.O. 11988 – FLOODPLAINS

- No Effect on Floodplains/Flood levels and project outside Floodplain - **(Review Concluded)**
 Located in Floodplain or Effects on Floodplains/Flood levels
 No adverse effect on floodplain and not adversely affected by the floodplain. **(Review Concluded)**.
 Are project conditions required? Yes (see section V) No **(Review Concluded)**
 Beneficial Effect on Floodplain Occupancy/Values **(Review Concluded)**.
 Possible adverse effects associated with investment in floodplain, occupancy or modification of floodplain environment
 8 Step Process Complete - documentation on file
 Are project conditions required? YES (see section V) NO **(Review Concluded)**

Comments: The city of New Orleans/Orleans Parish is enrolled in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) as of 08/03/1970. Facility is located within an "A4" zone, area of 100-yr flooding, base flood elevations and flood hazard factors as determined per Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panel number 225203 0160E, dated 03/01/1984. Project is for replacement of components and equipment. Per 44 CFR 9.11 (d)(9), the replacement of building contents, materials and equipment, where possible, disaster proofing of the building and/or elimination of such future losses by relocation of those building contents, materials and equipment outside or above the advisory base flood elevation. Mitigation proposal is attached.

Correspondence/Consultation/References: FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map, Community Panel No. 2252030160E, dated 03/01/1984, Kara Knott, CFM

E.O. 11990 – WETLANDS

- No Effects on Wetland(s) and project located outside Wetland(s) - **(Review Concluded)**
 Located in Wetland or effects Wetland(s)
 Beneficial Effect on Wetland - **(Review Concluded)**
 Possible adverse effect associated with constructing in or near wetland
 Review completed as part of floodplain review
 8 Step Process Complete - documentation on file
 Are project conditions required? YES (see section V) NO **(Review Concluded)**

Comments:

Correspondence/Consultation/References: USFWS NWI map accessed on-line (<http://wetlandsfws.er.usgs.gov/wtlnds/launch.html>) referenced February 15, 2007.

E.O. 12898 - Environmental Justice For Low Income and Minority Populations

- No Low income or minority population in, near or affected by the project - **(Review Concluded)**
 - Low income or minority population in or near project area
 - No disproportionately high and adverse impact on low income or minority population- **(Review Concluded)**
 - Disproportionately high or adverse effects on low income or minority population
- Are project conditions required? YES (see section V) NO **(Review Concluded)**

Comments: The percent populations of 70112 are: 75.0 % African American, 19.0 % Caucasian and 4.3 % Asian. The median household income in 1999 was \$ 7,448 and 75.1 % of families are below poverty level.
Correspondence/Consultation/References: U.S. Census bureau 2000 data at <http://factfinder.census.gov>, referenced February 15, 2007.

OTHER RELEVANT LAWS AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS

- No impacts to other substantive laws/Executive Orders identified. Review concluded.
- Other applicable substantive laws/Executive Orders. (Identify law/E.O. and conditions if any below).

Comments:
Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
 Unusable equipment, debris and material shall be disposed of in an approved manner and location. In the event significant items (or evidence thereof) are discovered during implementation of the project, applicant shall handle, manage, and dispose of petroleum products, hazardous materials (such as asbestos and lead based paint) and/or toxic waste in accordance to the requirements and to the satisfaction of the governing local, state and federal agencies.
Correspondence/Consultation/Reference: Damage description and scope of work from Project Worksheet 15641

V. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROJECT CONDITIONS

Project Conditions:

1. Per 44 CFR 9.11 (d)(9), the replacement of building contents, materials and equipment, where possible, disaster proofing of the building and/or elimination of such future losses by relocation of those building contents, materials and equipment outside or above the advisory base flood elevation.
2. Unusable equipment, debris and material shall be disposed of in an approved manner and location. In the event significant items (or evidence thereof) are discovered during implementation of the project, applicant shall handle, manage, and dispose of petroleum products, hazardous materials (such as asbestos and lead based paint) and/or toxic waste in accordance to the requirements and to the satisfaction of the governing local, state and federal agencies.
3. In order to comply with the NEPA process, and because of the potential for this project to have an adverse impact on the environment, including the social and economic environments, prior to initiating the project, the applicant must prepare a public involvement plan and conduct a public involvement process. FEMA's Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP) staff can provide guidance to determine how much and what type of public involvement is appropriate for a given project. If needed, the public outreach group can assist you in designing and implementing a public involvement program. Copies of any articles, public notices, meeting minutes, and public comments should be provided to FEMA to become part of the project record.

No extraordinary circumstances as described in 44 CFR 10.8(d)(3) were identified during project review.

REVIEWER AND APPROVALS

FEMA Environmental Reviewer.

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