

Byrne, Michael

From: Byard, Jeffrey
Sent: Thu 5/17/2018 1:35 PM (GMT-00:00)
To: Tribble, Ahsha; Byrne, Michael
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: RE: USACE extension

Great. Thank you.
Jeff

Jeff Byard
FEMA

From: Tribble, Ahsha
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2018 8:55:25 AM
To: Byard, Jeffrey; Byrne, Michael
Subject: FW: USACE extension

Good morning Jeff,

We are going to pressure either way.

- 1) Below is the email from the PREPA CEO that they did NOT want USACE to stay. The USACE line work is not efficient. The processes they have are like a capital project and not emergency work. We should be more concerned that the industry IMT is leaving. That is what is keeping work assignments straight and pushing on efficiencies in the process.
- 2) PREPA has two contracts sitting in their procurement shop and FOMB ready to execute. MasTec (won award in March but not public yet) has had equipment sitting at Jacksonville Port for over a month. They are ready to come with 300 linemen and equipment and get to work! Cobra is already mobilizing another 100 linemen as we speak. They will be here in the next week or two. They are doing this in advance of their contract but they are already here and are taking a risk. The plan was to have these new crews on the ground to do the handoff. The PWs are written and we are awaiting the executed contracts for obligation. MasTec is willing to float once the contracts are signed but before obligation.
- 3) In the meantime, PREPA is moving crews into the area to fill the gaps in Utuado and PREPA is reaching out to the Governor with the plan.
- 4) The issue at hand is PREPA is taking 4 months to get an RFP awarded for fear of deobligation and lack of decision making. It is paralyzing. Further, GAO is here this week and just like the many visits from OIG, they just stop moving. We need a better contracting process in PREPA

or th or we are going to be up against the wall every time (line works, generators, etc.).

USACE Extension:

The extension of the USACE mission assignment for emergency power restoration re-issued as follows:

- The line restoration work will be terminated on May 18, 2018 as decided by the Unified Command Group and confirmed by the PREPA CEO.
- Once the Commonwealth approves, FEMA intends on extending the effort the lease and maintain the three mega generators until PREPA completes the purchase of those three generators. Once the purchase is complete, the lease and maintenance will terminate.
- Once the Commonwealth approves, FEMA intends on extending logistics and materials management for 45 days. PREPA is in the process of procuring a logistics management team, and they will need to complete a handoff from USACE to the new team.

Once the Commonwealth approves, FEMA intends to extend the USACE Mission Assignment for temp power (500+) generators.

Happy to chat if that is easier.

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Sent from my iFEMA mobile device.

From: Walter Higgins <WHIGGINS@prepa.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 2:04:46 PM

To: Tribble, Ahsha

Subject: RE: USACE extension

Thank you. We appreciate the help with the generators.

Walt

From: Tribble, Ahsha [mailto:ahsha.tribble@fema.dhs.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2018 1:51 PM

To: Walter Higgins <WHIGGINS@prepa.com>

Cc: Todd Filsinger <todd@filsingerenergy.com>; Ernesto Sgroi <ernesto.sgroi@prepa.com>; Justo L. Gonzalez Torres <JUSTO.GONZALEZ@prepa.com>; Carlos Monroig Acevedo <carlos.monroig.acevedo@prepa.com>; torresca62@gmail.com; José L Sepúlveda Aponte <JOSEL.SEPULVEDA@prepa.com>; Efran Paredes Maisonet <EFRAN.PAREDES@prepa.com>

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Understood! Thank you Walt. We are working on the emergency generator request and we will likely come back to you with questions and potential alternatives.

Best,
Ahsha

Sent from my iFEMA mobile device.

From: Walter Higgins <WHIGGINS@prepa.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 1:46:40 PM
To: Tribble, Ahsha
Cc: Todd Filsinger; Ernesto Sgroi; Justo L. Gonzalez Torres; Carlos Monroig Acevedo; torresca62@gmail.com; José L Sepúlveda Aponte; Efran Paredes Maisonet
Subject: RE: USACE extension

Dr. Tribble:

This will confirm our communication within the past few minutes in which I confirmed that I (and we at PREPA) have NOT asked for an extension of the USACE power restoration mission (except asking for continued support with the emergency generators) and specifically we have not asked the USACE to continue to provide Power Secure crews to our emergency restoration efforts.

We acknowledge that as we continue restoration of the last 1-2 % of our customers we are evaluating how many crews we need to get power restored to those customers efficiently and quickly. Knowing that Power Secure crews are here already, we certainly consider some scenarios in which we at PREPA or our PREPA-hired contractors might contract with or subcontract with Power Secure directly to assist in that effort, but NOT through the USACE.

We deeply appreciate the efforts of FEMA and USACE to make possible the emergency restoration results to date and we will be very appreciative with what USACE has done for Puerto Rico when their power restoration efforts end on May 18.

Walt

From: Tribble, Ahsha [<mailto:ahsha.tribble@fema.dhs.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2018 1:32 PM
To: Walter Higgins <WHIGGINS@prepa.com>
Cc: Carlos Torres <ctorres@eeiconsult.org>; Byrne, Michael <michael.byrne@fema.dhs.gov>
Subject: USACE extension

Walt,

Per our conversation, I want to confirm that you did not request to have USACE/PowerSecure stay for an additional 60 days.

Your conversation was around PowerSecure coming in as a sub to augment forces outside of USACE as required.

Thank you,
Ahsha

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