

APPENDIX C
PERTINENT CORRESPONDENCE

MT. SINAI MEDICAL CENTER, CONTINUING
AUTHORITIES PROGRAM (CAP)
SECTION 14, PROJECT

DRAFT INTEGRATED FEASIBILITY
REPORT
AND ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENT

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MIAMI BEACH

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April 14, 2014

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas M. Greco
Deputy District Commander
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers District, South Florida
ATTN: Planning Branch

RE: CITY OF MIAMI BEACH'S INTENT TO SERVE AS NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR
PERTAINING TO MOUNT SINAI MEDICAL CENTER OF FLORIDA, INC.'S
APPLICATION FOR UNDER THE CONTINUING AUTHORITIES PROGRAM (CAP)

Dear LTC Greco:

I am writing with regard to a request from Mount Sinai Medical Center (MSMC) for assistance from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (the Corps) in addressing a serious potential flooding problem adjacent to its campus, which is located on the inter-coastal waterway in Miami Beach. At its meeting on April 9, 2014, the Mayor and City Commission adopted City Resolution No. 2014-28535, authorizing the City of Miami Beach, Florida (the City) to serve as the "non-Federal" project sponsor, as required under the Continuing Authorities Program (CAP).

You recently received a letter from MSMC Chief Executive Officer Steven Sonnenreich explaining that the seawall adjacent to the MSMC campus is in serious need of repair to mitigate against damage from anticipated severe weather events. MSMC is the only hospital in the City and supports emergency operational functions during hurricanes and other major storm events. The protection afforded by the seawall in question is critical to avoid service disruptions and hazardous conditions that threaten the lives of patients, hospital staff, and residents who are unable to evacuate during a storm emergency and seek shelter at MSMC.

In its current state, the seawall would most certainly not provide sufficient protection during a hurricane. I respectfully request that the Corps perform a site visit to examine the seawall and evaluate the merit of this request for assistance.

The City is fully aware of the following non-federal requirements associated with the Section 103, Section 14 or Section 205 programs under which we understand the Corps could perform this project:

1. Feasibility Phase: The initial \$100,000 of cost, if funded by the Federal government. Costs above \$100,000 will be shared 50% Federal and 50% non-Federal in accordance with a Feasibility Cost-Sharing Agreement;
2. Implementation Phase: The non-Federal sponsor is responsible for costs of all lands, easements, relocations and disposal areas, plus a cash contribution of at least 5% of the

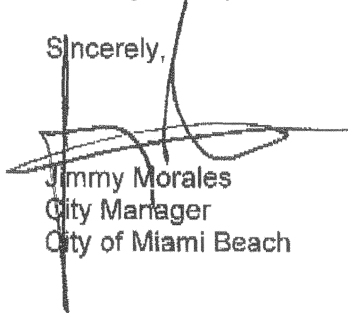
total project cost. If this amount is less than 35% of the total project cost, the non-Federal sponsor must provide additional cash contribution to make the total equal to 35% of the total project cost; and

3. The non-Federal sponsor is responsible for the removal of all hazardous, toxic and radioactive wastes prior to construction and for all operations and maintenance of the project after it is constructed.

This letter serves as an expression of non-Federal intent to cooperate on this project and is not a contract obligation. Either party may discontinue this effort at any point prior to construction.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jimmy Morales", is written over the typed name and title.

Jimmy Morales
City Manager
City of Miami Beach

Mount Sinai

M E D I C A L C E N T E R

January 13, 2014

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas M. Greco
Deputy District Commander
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District, South Florida
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Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

ATTN: Planning Branch

Dear LTC Greco:

The purpose of this letter is to request the assistance for Mount Sinai Medical Center, located on the intercoastal waterway in Miami Beach. Mount Sinai is the only hospital and emergency services provider in Miami Beach. Built on submerged land in 1959, the hospital's seawall and adjacent infrastructure is located in a Special Hazard Flood Zone with an aggressively rising sea.

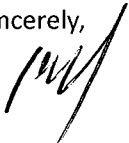
Mount Sinai has mitigated over \$30 million dollars in property because of Hurricanes Katrina and Wilma and will soon take on another \$22 million of disaster mitigation efforts. On top of these amounts are the estimated \$5 million in damage that flood and storm waters have caused to the seawall, the adjacent roadway and drainage. The emergency room, diagnostic equipment, patient care towers and air transport helipad are at risk for being flooded.

Mount Sinai seeks the Corps' assistance in planning and mitigating the dangers that this situation poses. We are aware of the following non-federal requirements associated with projects under Sections 14 and 205:

1. Feasibility Phase: The initial \$100,000 of cost, if funded by the Federal government. Costs above \$100,000 are shared 50% Federal and 50% non-Federal in accordance with a Feasibility Cost-Sharing Agreement.
2. Implementation Phase: The non-Federal sponsor is responsible for costs of all lands, easements, relocations and disposal areas, plus a cash contribution of at least 5% of the total project cost. If this amount is less than 35% of the total project cost, the non-Federal sponsor must provide additional cash contribution to make the total equal to 35% of the total project cost.
3. The non-Federal sponsor is responsible for the removal of all hazardous, toxic and radioactive wastes prior to construction and for all operations and maintenance of the project after it is constructed.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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President and Chief Executive Officer

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February 24, 2014

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas M. Greco
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Dear Lieutenant Colonel Greco:

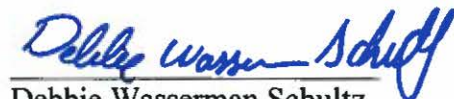
I am writing with regard to a serious situation that poses an ongoing threat to public safety and potential disruption to vital health services in Miami Beach.

Mount Sinai Medical Center is located on Alton Road in Miami Beach and is the primary provider of health services for the City of Miami Beach and surrounding communities. The hospital is located directly on the Intracoastal Waterway and is protected against flooding from hurricanes and other serious storms by a seawall. Due to natural erosion and damage caused by serious storms over the past several decades, the seawall is in dire need of repairs in order to provide adequate protection to this critically important community asset.

I understand that the USACE has the authority to undertake a study of the affected area and perform necessary repairs to the seawall or entirely replace it under the Continuing Authorities Program. The Mayor of the City of Miami Beach has written to you to request that such a study be conducted, and I would like to make sure that you are aware of my strong support for this request.

If there is any way I can be helpful, please feel free to contact any of my offices. I appreciate your cooperation and look forward to working with you on this important matter.

Sincerely,



Debbie Wasserman Schultz
Member of Congress