FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for Florida Atlantic University to make repairs to the Sea Tech Research Center Building due to storm damage from Hurricane Irma (DR-4337-FL-PW-06784). Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 and 44 CFR Part 9.12, final notice is hereby given of FEMA’s intent to provide funding for this project under the Public Assistance (PA) Program.

An initial disaster-wide Public Notice was published October 6, 2017 for Hurricane Irma. Comments and other information received were fully evaluated by FEMA along with evaluation of social, economic, environmental, and safety considerations. This notice serves as a project-specific final notice for FEMA’s funding action located within the floodplain.

Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions. This action complies with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements.

Responsible Entity: FEMA Public Assistance (PA) Program
Applicant: Florida Atlantic University
Project Title(s): PA-04-FL-4337-PW-06784; PN 79068, SeaTech Damages
Location of Proposed Work: 101 N. Beach Rd. Dania Beach (26.055142, -80.113285)
Floodplain: Project is located in an AE Zone, an area inundated by 1% chance of annual flooding, per Broward County FIRM Panel # 12011C0586H dated 08/18/2014.

Proposed Work and Purpose: Florida Atlantic University repaired damages incurred from Hurricane Irma to the Sea Tech Research Center facility including removal of gutters, fence repairs, cooling tower cleaning, light pole repairs, replacement of exhaust fans, replacement of a cooling tower fan, and replacement of a chiller. The purpose of the work was to restore the facility to its pre-disaster condition, function, and capacity within the original footprint.

Project Alternatives: The alternative that has been considered is the no action alternative. Not repairing the damaged structure would seriously limit educational opportunities within the campus; and thus, the no action alternative is not considered to be a practicable alternative. Relocating the facility or abandoning its use is not a practicable alternative and would adversely impact social or economic resources for the university. Many of the repairs were made on the roof or above the base flood elevation.

Comments: This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA PA program. Interested persons may submit comments, questions, or request a map of this specific project by writing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 4, 3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, or by emailing FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line FL-4337-PW-06784, Florida Atlantic University at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.