

New Project Submission Form

To standardize the way everyone submits projects we are creating a new submission form. This will be sent to all Working Group Members as soon as it is completed.

Completed Projects: Vizcaya

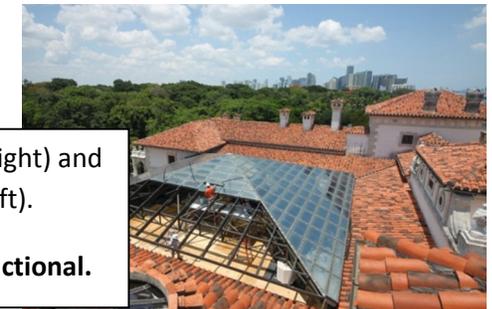
Replacement of Skylight over the Main House Courtyard

Vizcaya's most ambitious achievement for Fiscal Year 2011–2012 was the completion of a project to replace the skylight that encloses the Main House Courtyard. Designed by M.C. Harry and Associates, Inc., fabricated by Super Sky and installed by Thornton Construction Company, Inc., the new skylight replaces a system built in the 1980s that no longer met current Florida Building Code for high-velocity hurricane zones. The new skylight has steel columns that are 60% slimmer and panels of glass that are three times larger than the previous skylight. The new glass panels also provide clearer visual access to rooftop elements and enable more light to infiltrate the Courtyard. In addition, the steel columns and aluminum skylight structure are carefully aligned with the historic Courtyard columns and painted a light color to blend in with the original structure. Moreover, the new skylight has a lower profile than the previous structure, affording a better view of the exterior architectural elements when approaching the Main House. New lighting and sprinkler systems were installed and the existing drainage system was greatly enhanced.



Out with the old (right) and in with the new (left).

Stunning and functional.



LMS Calendar

Next LMS Quarterly Meeting:

Date: March 20, 2013

Time: 9:30-11:30 am

Location: MDFR Training Facility
9300 NW 41 Street (behind main bldg.)
Auditorium 2-002
Doral, FL 33178

All Working Group Members and the public are welcome to attend.

Future Quarterly Meetings:

Date: June 20, 2013

Date: September 19, 2013

Date: December 19, 2013

Next Steering Committee Meeting:

Date: February 21, 2013

Time: 9:30-11:30 am

Location: Miami-Dade EOC Rm. 167

Steering Committee Members only

Next Sub-Committee

Steering Committee (SC) Members

I have been busy recruiting Steering Committee Members to help guide the path we will be taking as we move forward. Please join me in thanking our LMS – SC members.

Chair: Cathie Perkins – EM/LMS Coordinator Mike Nardone – AMEC Don Pybas – Marine/Ag Tony Colmenares – ARC Erik Salna - Int. Hurricane Research Center Nichole Hefty – Office Sustainability Armando Vilaboy – SFWMD Paul Vitro – EM/Business Recovery Jeff Robinson – Hurricane Protection Inc.	Co-Chair: Mike Gambino –Miami Gardens Dallas Brown – Coral Gables Ricardo Alvarez – Mitigat Rob Molleda - National Weather Service Ken Capezutto – Univ. of Miami Stacy Kilroy – Mount Sinai Medical Center Hugh Gladwin – Florida International University Theresa Grandal - Miami Dade College Grants
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Website updates:

Our website has been updated to reflect how the LMS plan is divided (into 7 parts) and also has the LMS Information Bulletin added.

Parts 1,2,3,and 4 have been updated to the new format. They will undergo updates throughout the year.

Part 5 – Meeting minutes I am working on adding the last few meetings and will post shortly.

Part 6 – Completed projects, has a June 2011 version, I need help to update this and you are the solution. **Please help me identify your completed projects.**

Part 7 – the LMS Progress Report is the Activity 510 report from the County, it has the September 2012 Annual Report.

Online: <http://www.miamidade.gov/fire/mitigation.asp>

LMS Downloads

The document has been divided into seven parts for easier download.

- » [LMS Information Bulletin](#) 
- » [Part 1: The Strategy](#) 
- » [Part 2: The Projects](#) 
- » [Part 3: The Funding](#) 
- » [Part 4: The Appendices](#) 
- » [Part 5: Meeting Minutes](#) 
- » [Part 6: Completed Projects](#) 
- » [Part 7: LMS Progress Report](#) 

Workshops/Trainings

Make Mitigation Happen

Workshops for residents to learn about the benefits of mitigation for their homes are being offered in Miami-Dade County. Information can also be found on line at:

<http://www.floridadisaster.org/Mitigation/Documents/Wind%20Mitigation%20Booklet%20.pdf>

Date	Location	Time
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April 24, 2013	Florida International University	TBD
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Additional workshops: TBD



Hurricane Resilient Community Planning and Building Design

This workshop will discuss existing regulations and propose new standards for community planning and building design in hurricane-prone areas in our age of global climate change. Course module topics include an introduction to hurricane science and history; design strategies against primarily the hurricane hazards of wind, water and debris damage; current and suggested zoning and building codes which address hurricane forces; unsuccessful and successful case studies of post-hurricane sites; a prototype plan and design of a hurricane resistant school and community shelter facility; and an innovative hands-on planning and design project

You can register through the Florida Disaster training site: <http://trac.floridadisaster.org/TRAC/loginform.aspx>

Date	Location	Time
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March 19-20	Broward County EOC	2 day class
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Climate Change & Florida's Coastal Communities

Urban and Regional Planning Section Special Session - more details to come soon.

Date	Location	Time
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March 8, 2013	Barry University - Miami Shores	8:30 am
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Do you have something you would like to contribute to the Information Bulletin?

Email it to: mdlms@miamidade.gov

Coastal Services Center

Our coastlines are a quintessential part of our nation. Did you know that 50% of the US population lives along coastal communities and that almost 60% of our nations' GDP is generated from coastal communities? 19 of 21 of the world's largest cities are on the coast. I would like to introduce you to the Coastal Services Center of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Coastal Services Center website. This site contains a lot of great information.

Tsunami App - <http://tsunami.csc.noaa.gov>

Funding Opportunities NOAA funding opportunities can be found at <http://csc.noaa.gov/funding/>

New Tools

Sandy Recovery Improvement Act of 2013

On January 29, 2013, President Obama signed into law the Sandy Recovery Improvement Act of 2013 (P.L. 113-2). This may change how FEMA delivers assistance after an event.

I am attaching the Fact Sheet to the Information Bulletin for your information.

The Sandy Supplemental Appropriations bill also included the Sandy Recovery Improvement Act which includes changes to FEMA Disaster Recovery Program. (Is Public Law 113-2)

Please see the attached fact sheet which was developed to describe the provisions of the Sandy Supplemental bill in relation to FEMA's recovery directorate programs. This fact sheet is only intended to provide our stakeholders with a product that explains the provisions of the bill and does not provide guidance on how FEMA will implement the provisions, as that is still being worked out.

Note: the public Law as of today has not been printed and made available on line by the Government Printing office. But the text of the bill as passed the House is available at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-113hr152pcs/pdf/BILLS-113hr152pcs.pdf> . The Senate did not amend the bill.



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Fact Sheet

Sandy Recovery Improvement Act of 2013 and FEMA's Recovery Directorate

On January 29, 2013, President Obama signed into law the Sandy Recovery Improvement Act of 2013 (P.L. 113-2). The law authorizes several significant changes to the way FEMA may deliver disaster assistance to both individuals and public assistance applicants. Specific implementation procedures are currently being developed and further guidance may be provided through a combination of rulemaking, and the development of policy or other guidance documents.

Public Assistance Program:

Alternative procedures. FEMA is authorized to develop alternative procedures that an applicant may elect to use for Public Assistance permanent work and debris removal projects.

- FEMA may expeditiously implement this authority as a pilot program until such time that the Agency promulgates implementing regulations.
- FEMA may apply these alternative procedures to future major disasters, but may also do so in current disasters for projects where construction has not yet begun.
- These alternative procedures will, at minimum, include the following specified procedures:
- Permanent Work Alternative Procedures:
 - Permits permanent work grants to be based on capped estimates, with applicants accepting responsibility for any actual costs above the estimate.
 - Allows applicants to use excess funds for activities that reduce risk in future disasters and other activities to improve future PA operations.
 - Permits applicants to consolidate multiple permanent work projects.
 - Eliminates the penalty for alternate projects based on estimates.
 - Permits FEMA to accept the mutually agreed upon certified cost estimates prepared by applicants' licensed engineers.
 - Applicants may request to utilize a FEMA-funded, independent validation of project estimates for permanent repair projects with an estimated federal share of at least \$5 million.
- Debris Removal Work Alternative Procedures:
 - Permits debris removal grants to be based on capped estimates, with applicants accepting responsibility for any actual costs above the estimate.
 - Permits applicants to retain income from debris recycling without an offset from their grant.
 - Allows the use of a sliding scale for applicants' debris removal cost share to incentivize speedier and more cost-efficient debris removal.
 - Permits the establishment of financial incentives for a FEMA-approved pre-disaster debris management plan and at least one pre-qualified debris contractor.
 - Allows applicants to use excess funds for activities to improve future debris removal operations.
 - Permits the reimbursement of straight time force account labor costs for applicants' employees performing debris removal work.

Force account labor. FEMA may reimburse straight time force account labor costs for State, tribal and local government employees performing emergency protective measures, if such work is not typically performed by those employees.

Dispute resolution pilot program. Directs FEMA to establish a nationwide dispute resolution pilot program, including arbitration by an independent review panel, for Public Assistance projects.

- This nationwide dispute resolution pilot program will only be available for:
 - Disputes in an amount of at least \$1 million; and
 - Projects with a non-federal cost share requirement; and
 - Applicants that have completed a first appeal pursuant to 44 C.F.R. § 206.206.
- FEMA will establish an independent arbitration review panel and decisions made by the independent review panel will be binding.
- Requests for review under this nationwide dispute resolution pilot program must be submitted by December 31, 2015.
- Arbitration available under this nationwide dispute resolution pilot program is separate and distinct from the arbitration process established for Public Assistance projects for major disasters declared in response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Small project threshold review. FEMA will evaluate and report to Congress whether an increase in the Public Assistance small project threshold is appropriate and will take appropriate action based on the outcome of the report. The Agency will review the small project threshold every three years thereafter.

Individual Assistance Program:

- Affirms that child care expenses are an eligible expense for reimbursement as part of Other Needs Assistance.
- Provides the Agency explicit authority to lease and repair rental units for use as direct temporary housing.
- Requires FEMA, to review and revise through rulemaking the factors considered when evaluating the need for the Individual Assistance Program in a major disaster or emergency.

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