

## **COMBINED PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

#### **CAMDEN COUNTY**

December 2, 2016

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs  
101 South Broad Street  
PO Box 800  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0800

This Notice is related to Federal assistance provided in response to the Presidentially-declared disaster, Superstorm Sandy. This notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA).

#### **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about December 19, 2016, the DCA will submit a request to HUD for the release of Federal funds under the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) pursuant to the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 (Public Law 113-2, approved January 29, 2013) for the Energy Resilience Bank (ERB). DCA expects to fund the project using approximately \$28,202,205 of ERB funds.

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Application ID number: ERB723568

Project Title: Cooper Health System Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Microgrid

Location: Cooper Health System campus consisting of the Cooper University Hospital with attached garage (1 Cooper Plaza), the MD Anderson Cooper Cancer Center (2 Cooper Plaza), a multi-use ambulatory services building with attached garage (3 Cooper Plaza), and the Education and Research building (401-403 Haddon Avenue), City of Camden, Camden County, New Jersey

The total estimated project cost is \$30,202,205.

The proposed project would consolidate the electrical power supply at the campus by connecting all Cooper Health campus buildings to the existing main 26,000-volt substation at the main hospital building. The substation would be supplied by a new 4 megawatt (MW) CHP system. The 4 MW CHP system would operate on natural gas and would supply both normal power and emergency power in the event of a utility electric grid failure. Steam would be supplied to the campus buildings from the CHP system. The proposed project would include the construction of a CHP plant and extension of new 13,000-volt duct banks. The existing boiler would be replaced and plumbed into the existing blowdown tank. The CHP plant would be constructed in a new

building located in the area of the existing loading docks and boiler plant of the main hospital building.

#### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The DCA has determined that this project will have no significant impacts on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Sandy Recovery Division, 101 South Broad Street, Trenton, NJ 08625-0800. The record is available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. or can be viewed online at <http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/review/>.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on this project may submit written comments to Laura Shea, Assistant Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, 101 South Broad Street, PO Box 800, Trenton, NJ 08625-0800 or online at <http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/review/> and to Tennille Smith Parker, DRS, Acting Division Director, HUD, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20410. All comments received by December 19, 2016, or fifteen (15) days from the actual date of publication, whichever is later, will be considered by DCA. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

DCA certifies to HUD that Charles A. Richman, in his capacity as Commissioner of DCA consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act and related laws and authorities, and allows DCA to use CDBG-DR funds.

#### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and DCA's certification for a period of fifteen (15) days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of DCA; (b) DCA has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency, acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504, has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58.76) and shall be addressed to Tennille Smith Parker, DRS,

Acting Division Director, HUD, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20410. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Commissioner Charles A. Richman  
New Jersey Department of Community Affairs