

December 7, 2010

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In the Matter of THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY

Herman Bourgeois, Mayor, Town of Gramercy, Gramercy, LA, appearing for Applicant.

Mark DeBosier, Deputy Director, and William J. Patrigo, Appeals Specialist, Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, Baton Rouge, LA, appearing for Grantee.

Amy Weinhouse and Ashley Darbo, Office of Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC, counsel for Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Before the Arbitration Panel consisting of Board Judges SOMERS, GOODMAN, and McCANN.

The Town of Gramercy (the Town) asked the Board to arbitrate a dispute between it and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) arising out of the Town's request for a public assistance grant under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5172 (2006), for reimbursement of costs incurred as a result of Hurricane Katrina.

On November 10, 2010, the Board received a letter from FEMA, stating that the amount of \$503,378.43 was obligated to the Town on August 13, 2010, which amount includes \$473,913 on Project Worksheet 16158, which was the subject of this arbitration. Since that date, the Town has offered no reason why this arbitration claim should not be dismissed.

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Accordingly, this arbitration claim before this Board is dismissed.

ALLAN H. GOODMAN Board Judge

JERI KAYLENE SOMERS Board Judge

R. ANTHONY McCANN Board Judge