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Our Organization

The Institute for Building Technology and Safety (IBTS), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, delivers unique and transparent regulatory, program management, and engineering services to city, county, state and federal governments. IBTS provides unbiased professional services helping our clients reach goals and objectives. We specialize in Building and Community Development, Energy and Sustainability, Disaster Planning and Recovery, and Quality Assurance services with measurable impact to communities and infrastructure projects, helping ensure our customers' public service excellence. Services include facilities services, third party construction inspections for buildings and infrastructure, resiliency planning, disaster recovery, peer and plan review services, city and building department management, solar PV quality assurance, energy efficiency consulting, and technology solutions. As a non-profit organization, established to provide transparency and trusted technical solutions to our clients with an unwavering commitment to quality, compliance and public safety, IBTS makes a positive difference in the everyday lives and missions of our clients, teammates and stakeholders.

IBTS's disaster record stretches back two decades, having worked on the recovery efforts for Hurricanes Andrew, Hugo, Katrina, Rita, Ike, Sandy, and other flooding events throughout the Midwest. As part of these recovery efforts, IBTS has performed damage assessments, design oversight, grant administration and compliance, and resiliency initiatives for infrastructure and housing projects. For 40 years, government officials, leaders and managers have relied on IBTS to accelerate progress, help relieve their burdens and reduce risk in the face of daunting regulatory compliance requirements, public scrutiny, and day-in and day-out challenges. IBTS is committed to bringing a unique mix of shared community values and interests, transparency, arms-length neutrality, and proven delivery capability.

Managing CDBG-DR Funds: Cleveland County, OK

Cleveland County, Oklahoma, sustained significant damages from the various tornadoes, wildfires, flooding, straight-line winds, and winter storms that occurred from 2011 to 2013. Because of this, the County was awarded CDBG-DR funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which was signed under the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act.

To assist the County in remaining compliant and carrying out projects under this funding, IBTS was contracted as a subrecipient in May of 2016. The subrecipient agreement was the first of its kind signed in the United States and made IBTS responsible for carrying out permitted activities in conformance with applicable CDBG-DR requirements. The underlying principle of this agreement is that the burden of compliance is imposed upon IBTS, as the Subrecipient.

IBTS strives to "do more for less" by maximizing the efficiency of a small, yet highly skilled, group of seasoned professionals to implement this recovery program. By contracting IBTS as the Subrecipient, Cleveland County was able to navigate the complexity of regulations associated with the program objectives, in addition to managing the budget more efficiently. The County now has a \$304,899.32 surplus of CDBG-DR funds available for use throughout its remaining projects.



If Disaster Strikes Your County, What Plans Are In Place For Community Resiliency?



What topics would you like to discuss?



Disaster Planning (getting started, resiliency)



Long-term Recovery (where do I start?)



Grant Management and Administration (dos and don'ts)



Subrecipient Agreements (how it works, benefits to your community)



Any other thoughts?

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