



FFOCS Subcommittee Meeting Minutes February 19, 2021

Vice-Chair Chuck Kosak convened the February meeting of the Federal Funding Opportunities & Construction Standards (FFOCS) Subcommittee, followed by introductions from the membership of the Subcommittee. The meeting agenda and presentation materials are attached for reference.

NARUC staff introduced Jonathon Monken, Principal – Converge Strategies LLC to the FFOCS Subcommittee. Converge Strategies is subcontracted under NARUC to develop a content outline of the Federal Funding Opportunities and Construction Standards Reference Manual and a Construction Standards Issue Brief on behalf of the FFOCS Subcommittee and EPRR Task Force. Mr. Monken introduced members of the Converge team including Juan Nieves, subject matter expert on federal funding mechanisms and Erin Brousseau, Senior Associate with Converge Strategies.

The group discussed Converge Strategies' approach to completing work outlined in the FFOCS Subcommittee's work plan (see PPT). Converge Strategies responded to questions about the proposed approach and timeline for completing work outlined in the FFOCS Subcommittee's work plan. Topics of consideration included the role of state regulators in federal funding applications, federal funding mechanisms for long-term strategic planning, lessons learned from disaster recovery efforts in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria, and the applicability of different federal funding opportunities. Converge Strategies presented a handful of non-traditional federal funding opportunities as example options for inclusion in the final reference manual. The group discussed and agreed that the scope of the federal funding manual would focus on current eligibility requirements pursuant to traditional disaster recovery programs like the Stafford Act and refrain from proposing suggestions for new eligibilities.

NARUC staff indicated that the FFOCS Subcommittee would meet again in April, June, and August 2021 for additional updates from Converge Strategies on work products and to hear guest speakers. Additional communications and opportunities to provide feedback via email are likely. Will McCurry (wmccurry@naruc.org) will distribute calendar invites in the near future.