

FFOCS Subcommittee Meeting Minutes April 16, 2021

Chair Brandon Presley convened the April meeting of the Federal Funding Opportunities & Construction Standards (FFOCS) Subcommittee, followed by an announcement that Vice-Chair Chuck Kosak has departed the FFOCS Subcommittee and the Department of Energy's Office of Electricity. Johanna Zetterberg, Managing Director – Recovery and Critical Energy Infrastructure at the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Electricity will represent DOE on this Subcommittee as a member. The meeting agenda and presentation materials are attached for reference.

NARUC staff introduced Jonathon Monken, Principal – Converge Strategies LLC. The group discussed Converge Strategies' presentation documenting federal funding opportunities. The presentation detailed successful applicants for the major grants programs under the Hazard Mitigation Assistance programs authorized under the Stafford Act. Additionally, Converge Strategies highlighted several alternative financing programs from other federal outlets that are intended for use in pre- and post-disaster recovery as well as for resiliency upgrades. The information presented will be utilized as the foundation of a reference manual on federal funding opportunities. Subcommittee members offered feedback on the presented funding sources. Converge Strategies responded to questions about the documented federal funding opportunities. Subcommittee members are encouraged to submit suggestions for additional resources to include and feedback on the intended approach for the reference manual to NARUC staff.

NARUC staff asked for feedback on future speaker topics for the group's benefit. Future meetings of the subcommittee will feature panelists that will provide educational opportunities on topics pertaining to resilience and funding to achieve resilience goals. Members are encouraged to contact Will McCurry (<u>wmccurry@naruc.org</u>) with additional topic ideas and speakers.