

Unified Public Assistance Project Decision Team
Eligibility Decision
Decision Date: June 12, 2009


Dispute #: 36
Subgrantee: LSU Health Science Center
DR: 1603
PW(s): 18329
Project: Chemistry Analyzer Equipment

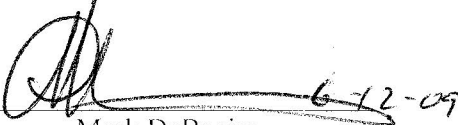
Description of Dispute

The eligibility of \$30,750 for equipment replacement (less salvage and applicable insurance) and \$3,300 for an inspection/assessment invoice on the submitted PW was deobligated in review. A reduction of (\$3,000) for salvage value was left untouched. A line item was added for an estimate of \$10,000 made in April, 2006 for repairs needed to possibly be able to analyze the damaged equipment further. A wind insurance adjustment for (\$10,000) effectively "zeroed" out the PW. The applicant disputes the deobligation, the math calculations in the changes, the reviewer's assumptions for the changes, and further they question a wind insurance adjustment believing it to be flood related damage.

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The original estimate in 2006 of \$10,000 (after the building was decontaminated and climate restored) was for estimated repairs to make the equipment possible to be evaluated that was damaged by internal heat and humidity related causes. This evaluation could have concluded additional repairs or replacement would be required but due to the extreme nature of the event a PW was not prepared until October 2008. A June 2008 report based on a more extensive evaluation made in April 2008 produced a new estimate to evaluate the same piece of equipment for \$22,362.91 showing the damage to be internal with additional repairs probable as the 2006 report had implied. In June, 2008 the applicant was notified that their particular model would no longer be serviced and that a new model would be required. The reduction made during review appears to be based on assumptions of what damage may be attributable to the event before a PW was prepared even though both inspections clearly identify the same damaged elements. The reviewer does not document factually a tangible point for their conclusion to not accept the 2006 & 2008 analysis nor to not accept the PW as written for replacement. With the building in service and climate control from April 2006 it is difficult to logically conclude additional damage may have occurred due to a lack of protection. Based on the information presented this project appears to be eligible as originally written and the Unified PAPDT concurs with the applicant to remove the unjustified deobligations with a PW version prepared by the TRO. In addition the new version's insurance review should be reevaluated to ensure that any reduction made is in accordance with like adjustments for similarly damaged equipment for this as well as other applicant's adjustments.


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