FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received the subgrant application for Health First Inc.’s Cape Canaveral Hospital repairs due to damages in Hurricane Matthew (DR-4283-FL PW 00936) and Hurricane Irma (DR-4337-FL PW 08086). Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 and 44 CFR Part 9.12, final notice is hereby given of FEMA’s intent to provide funding for this project under the Public Assistance (PA) Program.

An initial disaster-wide Public Notice was published on November 21, 2016 for Hurricane Matthew and on October 6, 2017 for Hurricane Irma. Comments and other information received were fully evaluated by FEMA along with evaluation of social, economic, environmental, and safety considerations. This notice serves as a project-specific final notice for FEMA’s funding action located within the floodplain.

Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions. This action complies with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements.

**Responsible Entity:** FEMA Public Assistance (PA) Program

**Applicant:** Health First Inc.

**Project Title(s):**
- PA-04-FL-4283-PW-00936; HFEMJD - Buildings and equipment
- PA-04-FL-4337-PW-08086; 27018 - Cape Canaveral Hospital

**Location of Proposed Work:**
(28.35982, -80.62307)

**Floodplain:** Projects are located in the shaded Zone X and the AE Zone, otherwise known as the area of 100-yr flooding, per Brevard County FIRM Panel 12009C0451 G dated 03/17/2014.

**Proposed Work and Purpose:** Health First Inc. repaired Cape Canaveral Hospital after incurring damages during both Hurricane Matthew and Hurricane Irma. Hurricane Matthew work included repairing: interior and exterior building components, signage, utilities, electrical components, fencing, gates, a parking garage, a seawall, and shoreline. To prevent future shoreline erosion, sheet piles were installed landward of the existing rock structures and mangrove vegetation. All other repairs were made to restore the facility back to its pre-disaster conditions. Hurricane Irma work included repairing: interior and exterior building components, signage, utilities, electrical components, a parking garage, and a heli-pad. All repairs were made to restore the facility back to its pre-disaster conditions. Minimization measures were not included during the Irma repairs as Health First Inc. has plans to relocate the hospital to an area of less risk from flooding and will rebuild the hospital to meet or exceed current hurricane standards. Therefore, minimization is not practicable. Health First Inc. was responsible for obtaining any necessary USACE and FDEP permits for the work and for confirming compliance with permit conditions.

**Project Alternatives:** The alternative that has been considered is the no action alternative. This alternative is not feasible as the area will remain vulnerable to flood risk, including property damage and hazards to human life and safety. With the no action alternative, continued negative impacts on adjacent infrastructure, property, nearby residents, and the community may be experienced. Alternate locations were not considered as the damages are part of a lager facility and relocating it entirely would not be practicable.

**Comments:** This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA PA program. Interested persons may submit comments, questions, or request a map of this specific project by writing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 4, 3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, or by emailing FEMAR4EH@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line FL-4283-PW-00936 & FL-4337-PW-08086, Health First Inc., at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.