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Hi Berenice and Gloria – I hope all is well with you. I try to keep up with the news about the status of the hurricane recovery, and it sounds like there are still some real challenges that people are facing there. I hope that things improve very soon; I cannot imagine how difficult the situation has been.

I am writing to provide you with an update on the implementation of our Programmatic Agreement for Arecibo Observatory (PA) in accordance with stipulation I.C. (see [https://www.nsf.gov/mps/ast/env\\_impact\\_reviews/arecibo/arecibo\\_section106.jsp](https://www.nsf.gov/mps/ast/env_impact_reviews/arecibo/arecibo_section106.jsp) for the executed PA and related materials). On April 1, 2018, the National Science Foundation (NSF) made an award to the University of Central Florida (UCF) to serve as the new managing organization of Arecibo Observatory. In addition, NSF ultimately intends to transfer ownership of Arecibo Observatory to UCF and, accordingly, NSF will be implementing Stipulation I.B. of the PA.

Pursuant to Stipulation I.B.1. of the PA, NSF is currently developing a plan to conduct the survey of the NAIC Historic district to evaluate the eligibility of any buildings or structures that were not previously surveyed during preparation of the 2008 NRHP nomination. The survey will also evaluate the eligibility of any buildings or structures that were built between 2008 and 2015. After the survey plan is prepared, NSF will provide a copy of the plan to your office with a request for input. We anticipate that we will have the plan ready to send to your office during the week of May 21, 2018. The survey will be scheduled for the week of June 11, 2018. Therefore, we would like to receive any input that your office may have by Friday, June 1, 2018. After the survey is completed and NSF has made its eligibility determinations, a final report will be sent to your office accompanied by a request for your concurrence on eligibility. Also, if additional contributing resources are identified, NSF will then prepare and submit, in consultation with the PR SHPO, an updated NRHP nomination form to include the resources in the NAIC Historic District.

As you may recall, the last WHEREAS clause on page 5 of the PA noted that, “if provided supplemental appropriations for hurricane relief and if feasible, NSF intends to fund the repairs of the Arecibo Observatory to its pre-hurricane condition.” I am pleased to report that NSF recently received a supplemental appropriation for hurricane relief and will soon be making hurricane-related repairs to the Arecibo Observatory.

We look forward to working with you on the upcoming survey. After that important step has been completed, we will be reaching out to your office, the ACHP, and UCF to begin a discussion on the preparation of preservation principles and management strategies pursuant to provision I.B.4. of the PA.

Thank you for your continued collaboration, and I will be back in touch with you soon.

Best regards,

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