



**FEMA**

September 24, 2019

Village of El Portal  
500 NE 87<sup>th</sup> Street  
El Portal, FL 33138

RE: Disaster Consultant Concerns (DR-4337-FL)

Dear Applicant:

During the course of this disaster, it has come to our attention that several consultants operating within Florida may have generated some questionable invoices and related documents. The frequency and extent of these occurrences appears to be limited at this time, however it is incumbent upon us to fully investigate any activities which may put Federal grants at risk.

Issues including billing discrepancies, overcharging, and adverse or absent representation practices are being investigated at this time. Based on our standard review process we have identified potential irregularities with services provided by your disaster consultant(s). This will necessitate a 100% validation of your projects, to include those that may have already been obligated. If we determine a formal audit or other inquiry into the services provided by your disaster consultant(s) is required, my staff will be in contact with you regarding what steps we have taken.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding the above information, please feel free to reach out to your assigned Program Delivery Manager (PDMG). Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Stanley", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gary R. Stanley  
Federal Coordinating Officer  
FEMA-4337-DR-FL

cc: Amanda Campen, Recovery Bureau Chief, Florida Division of Emergency Management