



CARICOOS

CARIBBEAN COASTAL OCEAN OBSERVING SYSTEM

CARICOOS INC SEMI ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

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LONG-TERM GOALS

CariCOOS Inc. long-term goal is to achieve administrative capacity and efficiency in the administration of NOAAs' award granted to the University of Puerto Rico. This effort requires the reevaluation of current policies and procedures. As part of this task, By-Laws established in 2015, will be revisited and updated. Human resources will be evaluated and adapted to the substantial administrative challenges ahead.

To consistently comply, revisit and enforce federal, state and particular award regulations it is necessary to hire a compliance officer. We are in the process of evaluating candidates.

MILESTONES / OBJECTIVES

Our main task is to manage the funds allocated in compliance with federal and state regulations and facilitate services in an agile manner to the CARICOOS technical and scientific group.

WORK COMPLETED

We managed to cover all planned and other unscheduled expenses including:

- Payment to contractors,
- Acquisition of materials for sargassum and gliders projects, HFR and general operations,
- Removal and replacement of ocean buoys,
- Remove and replacement of the underwater gliders,
- Web product development and maintenance,
- IOOS annual membership renewal,
- Renewal of commercial liability insurance, Errors and Omissions, Directors and Officers,
- We cover all expenses for visiting student under participant support costs,
- We cover the related expenses to keep the website data available through the cloud.

MAJOR OUTCOMES

During the period covered by this report, we have been dragging the effects of earthquakes and the COVID-19 pandemic. Many of the scheduled goals were postponed or canceled. For that reason we decided to end Project Year 4 with only three quarters of funding.



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WORK PLAN FOR UPCOMING PERFORMANCE PERIOD (June 1, 2021 – November 30, 2021)

For this new period we have already started with Project Year 5, fortunately the negative effects left by the COVID-19 pandemic are diminishing. We are hopeful that we will achieve our scheduled goals without the need to postpone or cancel any of the scheduled goals.