



JOSHUA EASTON

Grants and Contracts Director

ORGANIZATION ROLE

Grants and Contracts
Director

PROJECT ROLE / FOCUS AREAS

Full Award Lifecycle
Management

Regulatory Expertise

Strategic Leadership

Stakeholder
Engagement

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, Tulane
Law School, 2002

MA Political Science,
University of Louisville,
2004

BA Economics,
University of Louisville,
1997

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Bar Membership –
New York, 2003

Bar Membership –
Maryland, 2005

Contracting Officer
Representative (COR)
Level 1 Certification

DHS Certified
Instructor

An attorney with over 20 years of experience managing complex federal award lifecycles, Joshua expertly navigates the intersection of legal, finance, and applied research to support the work of The Water Institute. Previously working at the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council (RESTORE Council) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Joshua is very familiar with federal restoration funding, interagency agreements, and drafting terms and amendments for awards. Joshua is also an expert in the monitoring of program funds, assessing documentation, and ensuring award compliance.

Joshua has a proven track record in providing principal oversight for high-value interagency agreements, leading cross-functional teams, and designing enterprise-level grants management systems. He is an expert in navigating the intersection of legal, finance, and applied research to support environmental restoration and disaster resilience missions.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2022-2026, Interagency Agreement Specialist, Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council

2015-2022, Grants Management Specialist, Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council

2010-2013: Supervisory Management and Program Analyst, Federal Emergency Management Agency

2010-2013: Program Analyst/Project Lead, Federal Emergency Management Agency

2007-2009: Associate Director, University of Maryland School of Law, Center for Health and Homeland Security

2006-2007: Manager, Baltimore Urban Area Security Initiative, Center for Health and Homeland Security

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

1. Easton, Joshua, et al. 2008. "Storming the Castle: Strategies for a Successful Homeland Security Grant Application." *Journal of Emergency Management*.

2. Courtney, Brook and Joshua Easton. 2008. "Maximizing State and Local Medical Countermeasure Investments through the Shelf-Life Extension Program." *Biosecurity and Bioterrorism*.