

Appendix B

NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR'S LETTERS OF SUPPORT



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April 30, 2008

Colonel Alvin B. Lee
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
New Orleans District
Post Office Box 60267
New Orleans, Louisiana 70160-0267

Subject: Houma Navigation Canal Deepening Project

Dear Colonel Lee:

This is to advise that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) intends to serve as the Local Sponsor for the Houma Navigation Canal Deepening Project in conjunction with the Terrebonne Port Commission and the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government as co-sponsors. Enclosed are copies of the resolutions from the Terrebonne Port Commission and the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government indicating their intent to serve as co-sponsors with DOTD for this project. The State intends to provide all funds necessary to satisfy the total Local Sponsor cost-share requirements of the project.

DOTD intends to acquire the funding from the State Legislature through the sale of general obligation bonds in the State's Capital Outlay Program and/or any other non-federal funding source that may be available. The State has used this mechanism to fund the local cost share of several large scale, multi-year Corps of Engineers' projects before and we feel this will be appropriate for this project.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Edmond J. Preau, Jr., Acting Assistant Secretary, Public Works, Hurricane Flood Protection and Intermodal Transportation at (225) 274-4106 or myself.

Very truly yours,

William D. Ankner, Ph.D.
Secretary

cc: Terrebonne Port Authority
Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government

Enclosures: Terrebonne Port Authority Resolution
Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government Resolution

OFFERED BY: Dan Davis
SECONDED BY: Chris Erny

RESOLUTION 08-009

A resolution providing for the local non-federal co-sponsorship of the Houma Navigation Canal Deepening Project

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish constructed the 36.6 mile Houma Navigation Canal(HNC) in 1962 to provide direct access to the nearby resources of the Gulf of Mexico, and

WHEREAS, in 1973 authority was granted to increase the HNC project dimensions to elevation -18 feet Mean Low Gulf by 300 feet bottom width between mile 0 and the Gulf of Mexico, which enlargement was completed in July 1974, and

WHEREAS, the US Army Corps of Engineers has undertaken a Feasibility Study to determine the most economically feasible and environmentally acceptable depth of the Houma Navigation Canal, and

WHEREAS, the desire to keep the Houma Navigation Canal Lock and Flood Gate Phases of hurricane protection separate and precedent to the deepening project has been widely supported by several local organizations, including the members of the Terrebonne Parish Council, and

WHEREAS, in order to capitalize on the economic opportunities that are available as a result of oil and gas development in the Outer Continental Shelf Region (OSC), larger vessels are required to provide supplies and transport the higher payload structures required for OCS exploration and development, and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Port Commission believes that increasing the depth, subsequent to providing 100 year storm surge protection within the HNC is of vital importance to the safety, health, and welfare, and the economic stability for Terrebonne Parish, and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Port Commission believes that entering into a Project Cooperation Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the HNC Deepening Project in pursuit of economic development for the parish and region will serve a public purpose and have a public benefit commensurate with the costs.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Port Commission believes that serving as the non-federal local co-sponsor in conjunction with the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development is warranted, upon recommendation of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Chief of Engineers that the HNC Deepening project is in the overall public interest and a justified expenditure of federal funds, and

WHEREAS, the local co-sponsors are required to enter into a Project Cooperation Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and provide up to 25% non-federal share of project costs,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in consideration of the above stated recitals, that the Terrebonne Port Commission indicates its intent to serve as the local co-sponsor along with the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development; and its intent to enter into a Project Cooperation Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the Houma Navigation Canal Deepening Project, upon recommendation of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Chief of Engineers that the HNC Deepening project is in the overall public interest and a justified expenditure of federal funds, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as set out herein, that this governing body does hereby continue to support the concept of the separation of the "Flood Gate", "Locks" and "Deepening" Phases of the overall Houma Navigation Canal Project and that, with the exception of pre-construction tasks associated with planning and engineering design, and the actual deepening phase of the project is to be initiated only after the other phases are in place

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: Andrew Blanchard, Dan Davis, Chris Erny, Don Hingle, Ray Sick, and Allen Woodard

NAYS:

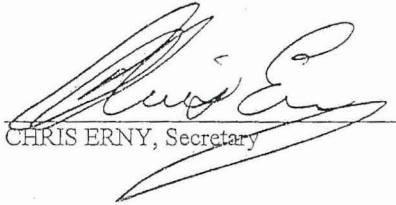
ABSTAINING:

ABSENT: Barry Belanger

CERTIFICATE

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, Secretary of this Commission, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Terrebonne Port Commission, adopted at a meeting held at the domicile of said Commission in the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana, on the 18 day of March 2008.

April, 2008. WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL, this 9 day of


CHRIS ERNY, Secretary

ATTEST:


DONALD A. HINGLE, II, President

OFFERED BY: Mr. J. Pizzolatto.
SECONDED BY: Mr. B. Hebert.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-086

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WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Council believes that entering into a Project Cooperation Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the HNC Deepening Project in pursuit of economic development for the parish and region will serve a public purpose and have a public benefit commensurate with the costs.

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NAYS: T. Cavalier.

ABSTAINING: J. Cehan and A. Tillman.

ABSENT: None.

The Vice Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 25th day of February, 2008.

I, PAUL A. LABAT, Clerk of the Terrebonne Parish Council, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Public Services Committee on February 25, 2008 and subsequently ratified by the Assembled Council in Regular Session on February 27, 2008 at which meeting a quorum was present.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 28TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2008.



PAUL A. LABAT, COUNCIL CLERK
TERREBONNE PARISH COUNCIL



TERREBONNE PORT COMMISSION

April 11, 2008

Mr. Crorey Lawton
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
New Orleans District
P.O. Box 60267
New Orleans, LA 70160-0267

Subject: Morganza to the Gulf Hurricane Protection Project and
Houma Navigation Canal Deepening Project

Dear Mr. Lawton,

A copy of the resolution adopted by The Terrebonne Port Commission pertaining to the dredging of the Houma Navigation Canal is enclosed.

If you need anything else or have any other questions, please feel free to call at 985-873-6428.

Thank you,

Natalie Lapeyrouse
Executive Assistant
Terrebonne Port Commission



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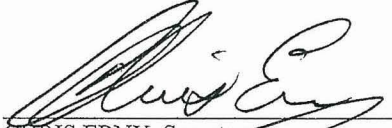
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