



SECTION 214 PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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Notice of Intent to accept Section 214 Funds for expediting Section 408 Permit Application

MOBILE, Ala. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, hereby gives notice that it intends to enter into an agreement with the Mississippi State Port Authority, a non-Federal public entity, to accept and expend funds under the authority of Section 214 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000, as amended, Public Law 106-541. The purpose for the acceptance of these funds is to expedite evaluation and processing of the Section 408 permit application package filed by the Mississippi State Port Authority for the Port of Gulfport Expansion Project, Harrison County, Mississippi. It is expected that these funds shall be used to for activities necessary for the evaluation of the submitted permit application, including, but not limited to: technical analyses and writing, Agency Technical Review, real estate evaluation, risk analysis, copying or other clerical/support tasks, acquisition of data, site visits, travel, coordination activities, additional personnel (including support/clerical staff), contracting for technical services (e.g., structural risk evaluation, geotechnical analysis, hydraulic and hydrological engineering review), and environmental documentation preparation and review.

The provision of these funds in accordance with Section 214 is only for the purpose of expediting evaluation and processing of the Section 408 permit application filed by the Mississippi State Port Authority for the Port of Gulfport Expansion Project. Acceptance of these funds shall not affect the District's impartial evaluation and decision making with regards to the issuance of a Section 408 permit; nor will it cause undue delay in completion of other work by the District. Any comments or questions related to this public notice are to be submitted by email to cesam-pm-p-m@usace.army.mil no later than April 8, 2014.