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**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, MOBILE DISTRICT
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March 11, 2011

Coastal Branch
Regulatory Division

PUBLIC NOTICE

**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
MOBILE DISTRICT**

**SCOPING MEETING
FOR THE
PROPOSED PORT OF GULFPORT EXPANSION PROJECT, HARRISON COUNTY,
MISSISSIPPI
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District has scheduled a public open house and scoping meeting on March 31, 2011, at the University of Southern Mississippi, 730 East Beach Boulevard, Long Beach, Mississippi, 39560, at the Fleming Education Center Auditorium. The open house will begin at 5:30 pm followed by a formal presentation at 6:30pm. Comments will be excepted at the meeting until 8:00 pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive public input concerning the scope and alternatives to be considered in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Department of the Army Permit Application **SAM-2009-1768-DMY** for the Port of Gulfport Expansion Project, Harrison County, Mississippi. The Corps is the lead federal agency with the responsibility of evaluating the environmental impacts of the proposed project for the applicant, the Mississippi State Port Authority, and is preparing the EIS in accordance with National Environmental Policy Act requirements. The Mississippi Development Authority will be a cooperating agency in preparing the EIS, and the National Marine Fisheries Service has expressed interest in acting as a cooperating agency.

The proposed project as described in the permit application which was filed on March 17, 2010, included filling approximately 700 acres of open-water benthic habitat. Since submitting the application, Mississippi State Port Authority has modified the proposed project footprint to reduce the overall potential fill required for implementation and to avoid impacts to the Gulfport Harbor Federal Navigation Channel and Turning Basin. The revised proposed project involves filling of up to 400 acres of open-water bottom in the Mississippi Sound; the construction of wharfs, bulkheads, terminal facilities, container storage areas, intermodal container transfer facilities, dredging and dredged material disposal, and infrastructure; and construction of a breakwater of approximately 4,000 linear feet.

The meeting agenda includes an open house with opportunities for discussions with project personnel, followed by staff presentations and a comment session. Court reporters will be available to transcribe statements from those wishing to provide verbal comments, or attendees may submit written comments at the meeting or via mail through the end of the official comment period (see below). All interested

individuals are invited to attend. Translations services for Spanish and Vietnamese speakers will be provided.

Written comments can also be faxed to (251) 694-4191, emailed to the project at port.gulfporteis@usace.army.mil, or mailed to: Mr. Damon M. Young, P.G. USACE - Mobile District, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628. To comment online, visit the project website at <http://www.portofgulfporteis.com/>. The deadline for submitting scoping comments was initially set for April 11, 2011; however, by issuance of this public notice the comment period has been extended to April 14, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about this project, to be included on the mailing list for future updates and meeting announcements, or to receive a copy of the draft EIS when it is issued, contact Damon M. Young, P.G., at the USACE at (251) 690-2658 or the address provided above. Mr. Ewing Milam, at the MDA can also be contacted for additional information at P.O. Box 849, Jackson, Mississippi, 39205-0849, telephone (601) 359-2157 or by electronic mail at emilam@mississippi.org.

For additional information about our Regulatory Program, please visit our web site at: www.sam.usace.army.mil/rd/reg and please take a moment to complete our customer satisfaction survey while you're there. Your responses are appreciated and will allow us to improve our services.

MOBILE DISTRICT
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

services listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. If approved, the action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the services to the Government.

2. If approved, the action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the services to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46–48c) in connection with the services proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

End of Certification

The following services are proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Services

Service Type/Location: Base Supply Center, Rock Island Arsenal, 3154 Rodman Avenue, Rock Island, IL.

NPA: Association for Retarded Citizens of Rock Island County, Rock Island, IL.

Contracting Activity: DEPT OF THE ARMY, SR W0K8 USA ROCK ISL ARSENAL, ROCK ISLAND, IL.

Service Type/Location: Base Operations Support, Mark Center Campus, Alexandria, VA.

NPA: Service Source Inc., Alexandria, VA (prime); CW Resources Inc., New Britain, CT (subcontractor); Able Forces, Front Royal, VA (subcontractor).

Contracting Activity: Department of Defense, Acquisition Directorate, Washington Headquarters Service, Washington, DC.

Service Type/Location: Central Issue Facility Service, Fort Hood, TX.

NPA: Skookum Educational Programs, Bremerton, WA.

Contracting Activity: Department of the Army, Mission & Installation Contracting Command Center, Fort Sam Houston, TX.

Service Type/Location: Mail Management Support Service, Philadelphia Naval Business Center, Official Mail Center Carderock, Philadelphia, PA.

NPA: NewView Oklahoma, Inc., Oklahoma City, OK (prime); ServiceSource, Inc., Alexandria, VA (subcontractor); Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division, Ship Systems Engineering

Station, Official Mail Center Carderock, West Bethesda, MD.

NPA: NewView Oklahoma, Inc., Oklahoma City, OK.

Contracting Activity: Department of the Navy, Commander, Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, San Diego, CA.

Deletion

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. If approved, the action will not result in additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.

2. If approved, the action may result in authorizing small entities to furnish the service to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46–48c) in connection with the service proposed for deletion from the Procurement List.

End of Certification

The following service is proposed for deletion from the Procurement List:

Service

Service Type/Location: Recycling Service, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 1500 East Woodrow Wilson Drive, Jackson, MS.

NPA: Goodwill Industries of Mississippi, Inc., Ridgeland, MS.

Contracting Activity: Department of Veterans Affairs, NAC, Hines, IL.

Patricia Briscoe,

Deputy Director, Business Operations.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

TIME AND DATE: Wednesday, March 16, 2011; 10 a.m.–11 a.m.

PLACE: Hearing Room 420, Bethesda Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Closed to the Public.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Compliance Status Report

The Commission staff will brief the Commission on the status of compliance matters. For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504–7948.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Todd A. Stevenson, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Consumer Product

Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814, (301) 504–7923.

Dated: March 8, 2011.

Todd A Stevenson,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Port of Gulfport Expansion Project, Harrison County, MS (Department of the Army Permit Number SAM–2009–1768–DMY)

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District (USACE) announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of a project proposed by the Mississippi State Port Authority (MSPA). As part of the NEPA process, the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) will be a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EIS. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has expressed interest in acting as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EIS.

The proposed project as described in the application filed on March 17, 2010, proposed filling approximately 700 acres of open-water benthic habitat. Since submittal of the application, the proposed project footprint has been modified by the MSPA to reduce the overall potential fill required for implementation and to not include any impacts to the Gulfport Harbor Federal Navigation Channel or Turning Basin. The currently proposed project involves filling of up to 400 acres of open-water bottom in the Mississippi Sound, the construction of wharfs, bulkheads, terminal facilities, container storage areas, intermodal container transfer facilities, dredging and dredged material disposal and infrastructure, and construction of a breakwater of approximately 4,000 linear feet. The proposed expanded port facility will be elevated 25 feet above sea level to provide protection against future tropical storm surge events.

The EIS will evaluate the potential impacts of the proposed project, connected actions, and alternatives. The

EIS will also assist the USACE in deciding whether to issue a Department of the Army permit.

The purpose of this Notice of Intent (NOI) is to inform and educate the public of the proposed project; invite public participation in the EIS process; announce the plans for a public scoping meeting; solicit public comments for consideration in establishing the scope and content of the EIS; and provide notice of potential impacts to open-water benthic habitats.

DATES: A scoping meeting will be held on March 31, 2011. Comments will be accepted in written format at the scoping meeting or via mail/e-mail until April 11, 2011, to ensure consideration. Late comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: The scoping meeting will be held at the Fleming Education Center Auditorium at the University of Southern Mississippi's Gulf Park Campus, 730 East Beach Boulevard, Long Beach, Mississippi. Written comments regarding the proposed EIS scope should be addressed to Mr. Damon M. Young, P.G. USACE, Mobile District, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628. Individuals who would like to electronically provide comments should contact Mr. Young by electronic mail: port.gulfporteis@usace.army.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about this project, to be included on the mailing list for future updates and meeting announcements, or to receive a copy of the DRAFT EIS when it is issued, contact Damon M. Young, P.G., at the USACE at (251) 690-2658 or the address provided above. Mr. Ewing Milam, at the MDA can also be contacted for additional information at P.O. Box 849, Jackson, Mississippi, 39205-0849, telephone 601.359.2157 or by electronic mail at emilam@mississippi.org.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Background:* The Gulfport Harbor Navigation Project was adopted by the River and Harbors Act approved on July 3, 1930 (House Document Number 692, 69th Congress, 2nd session) and the River and Harbors Act approved on June 30, 1948 (House Document Number 112, 81st Congress, 1st session). Construction of the existing Gulfport Harbor commenced in 1932 and was completed in 1950. Authorization to conduct improvements to the existing harbor was issued in the Fiscal Year 1985 Supplemental Appropriations Act (Public Law 99-88). The Water Resources Development Acts (WRDAs) 1986 and 1988 further modified the previous authorization to cover widening and deepening and thin-layer

disposal, respectively. The authorized deepening was completed in 1993. Currently, there is an ongoing Federal action to widen the channel to the Federally authorized dimensions of 300 feet in the Mississippi Sound Channel and 400 feet in the Bar Channel. A Department of the Army Permit MS96-02828-U was issued in 1998 authorizing an 84-acre expansion to fill the West Pier to construct new tenant terminals and infrastructure. Phases I and II are currently under construction. Phase III is expected to begin in late 2011.

On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina made landfall on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, resulting in one of the most significant natural disasters in the United States. The Port of Gulfport was severely impacted by the storm. The electrical power supply, roads, water, sewer, rail, small craft harbor fendering systems, navigational aids, and lighting and security systems were all destroyed or damaged beyond repair. According to the MSPA, the Port is currently operational at this time but it is not capable of withstanding another major hurricane without significant rehabilitation.

2. *Location:* The proposed Port of Gulfport Expansion Project is located in the City of Gulfport, Harrison County, Mississippi. The proposed project is approximately 80 miles west of Mobile, Alabama, and 80 miles east of New Orleans, Louisiana. The Port encompasses approximately 184 acres and is located within 5 miles of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) and approximately 7 miles south of Interstate Highway 10.

3. *Work:* The proposed project involves filling of up to 400 acres of open-water bottom in the Mississippi Sound, the construction of wharfs, bulkheads, terminal facilities, container storage areas, intermodal container transfer facilities, dredging and dredged material disposal and infrastructure, construction of a breakwater of approximately 4,000 linear feet, and may include additional improvements identified at the public scoping meeting. The proposed expanded port facility will be elevated 25 feet above sea level to provide protection against future tropical storm surge events. A Department of the Army permit is required for the proposed project, pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251), Section 10 of the River and Harbors Act (33 U.S.C. 403), and Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act (33 U.S.C. 1401-1445, 16 U.S.C. 1431 *et seq.*, also 33 U.S.C. 1271).

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared pursuant to the

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and the Council on Environmental Quality NEPA regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508) to assess the potential environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of a project proposed by the Mississippi State Port Authority (MSPA).

4. *Need:* According to the MSPA, this project will enhance Mississippi's standing in the global economy by repositioning the Port into a sustainable, world-class maritime facility for future generations. This project is needed to expand the Port's current footprint, which will include the construction of wharfs, bulkheads, terminal facilities, container storage areas, intermodal container transfer facilities, dredging and dredged material disposal and infrastructure. Specific alternatives will be developed as part of the EIS process and feedback provided during project scoping.

5. *Affected Environment:* Environmental characteristics that may be affected by the proposed project include geological, chemical, biological, physical, socioeconomic, and commercial and recreational activities. Offshore, the navigation channel extends 20 miles south into the Gulf of Mexico, passing close to the western end of Ship Island. On-shore, the regional environment is characterized as Coastal Lowlands, and the shore area, where not developed, consists typically of gently undulating swampy plains. The beach area is man-made and bordered by constructed seawalls. The existing Port, as part of the man-made environment of Gulfport, is constructed on fill material. The Gulfport area is well developed. Beyond the seawalls are extensive commercial and residential developments. The near-shore area is known for its valuable resources as a productive fishery and is also utilized extensively for commercial and recreational shipping and boating.

6. *Applicable Environmental Laws and Policies:* The proposed project could result in both beneficial and negative environmental impacts. These impacts will be evaluated in the EIS in accordance with applicable environmental laws and policies, which include NEPA; WRDA; Endangered Species Act (ESA); Clean Water Act; Clean Air Act; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act; National Historic Preservation Act; Coastal Barrier Resources Act; Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; Coastal Zone Management Act; Marine, Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act; Rivers and Harbors

Act; National Marine Sanctuaries Act; Fishery Conservation Act; Marine Mammal Protection Act; Executive Order 12898, Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations; Executive Order 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risk (among other Executive Orders); and Ports and Waterways Safety Act.

7. *Preliminary Identification of Environmental Issues*: The following list of nine environmental issues has been tentatively identified for analysis in the EIS. This list, which was developed during preliminary internal scoping, has been included with the permit application filed for the proposed project. This list (and information from similar projects) is neither intended to be all inclusive nor a predetermined set of potential impacts, but is presented to facilitate public comment on the planned scope of the EIS. Additions to or deletions may occur as a result of the public scoping process. Preliminary identified environmental issues include but are not limited to the loss of aquatic resource (impact to potential submerged and shoreline aquatic habitat); water quality, coastal zone consistency, hydrodynamic modeling, threatened and endangered species (including critical habitat and essential fish and shellfish habitat), air quality, alternatives, secondary and cumulative impacts, socioeconomics, and mitigation.

8. *Scoping meeting*: To ensure that all of the issues related to this proposed project are addressed, the USACE will conduct a public scoping meeting in which agencies, organizations, and members of the general public are invited to present comments or suggestions with regard to the range of actions, alternatives, and potential impacts to be considered in the EIS. The scoping meeting will be held at the Fleming Education Center Auditorium at the University of Southern Mississippi's Gulf Park Campus, 730 East Beach Boulevard, Long Beach, Mississippi, on March 31, 2011. The scoping meeting will begin with an informal open house from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. followed by a formal presentation of the proposed action and a description of the NEPA process. Comments will be accepted following the formal presentation until 8 p.m. Displays and other forms of information about the proposed action will be available, and the USACE, the MSPA and the MDA personnel will be present at the informal session to discuss the proposed project and the EIS Process. The USACE invites comments on the proposed scope and content of the EIS

from all interested parties. Verbal transcribers will be available at the scoping meeting to accept verbal comments following the formal presentation until 8:00 p.m. A time limit will be imposed on verbal comments.

9. *DRAFT EIS*: It is anticipated that a DRAFT EIS will be made available for public review in late calendar year 2011 or early 2012.

Dated: February 24, 2011.

Craig J. Litteken,
Chief, Regulatory Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Credit Enhancement for Charter School Facilities Program; Office of Innovation and Improvement; Overview Information; Credit Enhancement for Charter School Facilities Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.354A.

Dates:

Applications Available: March 11, 2011.

Date of Pre-Application Meeting: April 4, 2011 at 9:00 a.m., Washington, DC time.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: May 10, 2011.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: July 9, 2011.

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: This program provides grants to eligible entities to permit them to enhance the credit of charter schools so that the charter schools can access private-sector and other non-Federal capital in order to acquire, construct, and renovate facilities at a reasonable cost. Grants awarded under this program will be of sufficient size, scope, and quality to enable the grantees to implement effective strategies for reaching this objective.

Priorities: This competition includes one competitive preference priority and one invitational priority that are explained in the following paragraphs. In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(ii), the competitive preference priority is from the regulations for this program (34 CFR 225.12).

Competitive Preference Priority: For FY 2011 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of

unfunded applicants from this competition, this priority is a competitive preference priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) we award up to an additional 15 points to an application, depending on how well the application meets this priority.

This priority is:

The capacity of charter schools to offer public school choice in those communities with the greatest need for school choice based on—

(1) The extent to which the applicant would target services to geographic areas in which a large proportion or number of public schools have been identified for improvement, corrective action, or restructuring under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA);

(2) The extent to which the applicant would target services to geographic areas in which a large proportion of students perform below proficient on State academic assessments; and

(3) The extent to which the applicant would target services to communities with large proportions of students from low-income families.

Invitational Priority: For FY 2011 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition, this priority is an invitational priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1) we do not give an application that meets this priority a competitive or absolute preference over other applications.

This priority is:

Applications that propose a grant project that uses competitive market forces to obtain the best rates and terms on financing for charter schools in order for the charter schools to acquire, construct, and renovate facilities while using the least amount of grant funds.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7223-7223j.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 84, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99. (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR part 225.

Note: The regulations in 34 CFR part 79 apply to all applicants except federally recognized Indian tribes.

Note: The regulations in 34 CFR part 86 apply to institutions of higher education only.

II. Award Information

Type of Award: Discretionary grants.
Estimated Available Funds: The Administration's budget request for FY 2011 does not include funds for this