

Project Proposal Submission Form

Project Name:

Port of Iberia (POI), Acadiana Gulf of Mexico Access Channel (AGMAC) Re-evaluation

Project Criteria:

1. The project complies with the missions and authorities of the USACE;
2. The project has previously been congressionally authorized;
3. The project does not require additional specific congressional authorization;
4. The project may have been included in previous annual reports; and
5. The project could be carried out by the USACE.

Required Information:

1. **Provide the name of all non-Federal interests planning to act as the sponsor, including any non-Federal interest that has contributed or is expected to contribute toward the non-Federal share of the proposed feasibility study or modification.**
 - a. La DOTD
 - b. Port of Iberia
2. **State if this proposal is for a feasibility study or a modification to an authorized USACE project or feasibility study and, if a modification, specify the authorized project or study.**
 - Feasibility Study
 - Modification to authorized USACE project

Name of Project/Study Modified:

Port of Iberia, LA
AGMAC

3. **State the project purpose of the proposed study or modification.**

Project was authorized in WRDA 2007 but was suspended in 2010 because the project was re-evaluated by the District and was determined to be not economically justified. With new 2014 WRRDA authorizing language, the purpose of this "limited" proposed study effort is to now identify a dredging and disposal plan to deepen the channels that is economically justified; with the dual intent of ensuring that the new project cost will be within the Section 902 limit.

4. **Provide an estimate, to the extent practicable, of the total cost of the proposed study or modification.**

Estimated Total Cost: \$250,000.00

5. Describe, to the extent practicable, the anticipated monetary and non-monetary benefits of the proposal including benefits to the protection of human life and property; improvement to transportation; the national economy; the environment; or the national security interests of the United States.

The Port of Iberia is a key participant in the fabrication of topsides for the Offshore Oil and Gas Industry. Very few facilities are poised with the infrastructure and experience to construct and float out these topside structures. By increasing the depth of the access channel, the fabricators can assemble individual components into larger sections and float them out to the Gulf of Mexico. This increased capacity is also expected to reduce the likelihood of topside fabrication historically constructed by the local market from going overseas.

6. Describe if local support exists for the proposal.

The Port of Iberia Project has strong Local Support from the State of Louisiana, the Port of Iberia, the parishes of Iberia and Vermillion and many of the residents and elected officials in all of Acadiana Region.

7. State if the non-Federal interest has the financial ability to provide for the required cost share.

The Port of Iberia and the State of Louisiana have both signed letters supporting the Project and committing financial support to provide for the required non-federal cost share for not only the “limited” proposed study but also the required non-federal cost share for construction.

8. Submit a letter or statement of support from each associated non-Federal interest.

See the following:

- Attachment 1 – Letter of Support from Port of Iberia
- Attachment 2 – Letters of Support from LA DOTD

The Gulf Coast Cajun Connection

December 2, 2014

Sherri H. LeBas
Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development

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**Re: Water Resources Reform and Development Act 2014
Requests for Proposals from the Non-Federal Interests for Feasibility Studies**

Dear Ms. LeBas,

The Port of Iberia is submitting a letter of support and a proposal (Attached) for a re-evaluation of the Port of Iberia's Acadiana Gulf of Mexico Access Channel (AGMAC) Feasibility Study as required by the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014.

The Port of Iberia has a large concentration of marine fabrication and repair facilities along with a host of other offshore support industries and is economically dependent on offshore oil and gas activities. These facilities are dependent on the waterway infrastructure to access the port.

The AGMAC project will help the Port of Iberia meet its future expansion needs as well as the intent to support deepwater oil and gas exploration. Once constructed, this project will improve navigational access and provide a significant positive impact for the Port of Iberia.

I wholeheartedly support the AGMAC Project and would like to recommend it for inclusion in the Annual Report published in the Federal Register. Thank you for your consideration.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at (337) 364-1065.

Sincerely,



Craig Romero
Executive Director
Port of Iberia

Enclosures

cc: Joanna Durke – Port of Iberia
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December 2, 2014

Colonel Richard L. Hansen, Commander
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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New Orleans, Louisiana 70160 - 0267

Re: Port of Iberia Project, LA

Dear Colonel Hansen:

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, the sponsor of the Port of Iberia Navigation Project in Louisiana, supports reactivating the project based on new authorizing language in WRRDA 2014. It is our understanding that a new study effort is needed to identify a dredging disposal plan that is economically justified. DOTD is prepared to seek the needed cost share to proceed.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact Mr. Phil Jones at (225) 379-3030.

Sincerely,

Sherri H. LeBas, P.E.
Secretary

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cc: Mr. Craig Romero