Attachment C

Letters of Local Support
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Governor Nikki R. Haley
South Carolina Ports Authority
South Carolina Department of Commerce
Dorchester County Legislative Delegation (Representative Christopher J. Murphy, Chairman)
Senator John W. Matthews
Senator Sean Bennett
Senator Brad Hutto
Representative Jenny A. Horne
Representative Russell L. Ott
Representative Patsy G. Knight
Calhoun County Development Commission
Orangeburg County Development Commission
Dorchester Economic Development Board
Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce
The Chamber Greater Summerville/Dorchester County Chamber of Commerce
Tri-County Regional Chamber of Commerce
Lower Savannah Council of Governments
Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments
Central SC
Charleston Regional Development Alliance
Medical University of South Carolina
The Boeing Company
Santee Cooper
The Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina, Inc.
Edisto Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Tri-County Electric Cooperative
Dorchester County Fire Rescue
Fort Motte Volunteer Fire Department
Orangeburg County Fire District
MeadWestvaco Corporation
Comact USA
Holcim (US) Inc.
Trident Technical College
Orangeburg/Calhoun Technical College
The Honorable David Wilkins, Former Speaker, House of Representatives, South Carolina
and Former Ambassador – Canada
The Honorable Richard W. Riley, Former Governor of South Carolina and Former U.S.
Secretary of Education
November 25, 2014

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy  
Assistant Secretary of the Army  
Department of the Army, Civil Works  
108 Army Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20310

Dear Ms. Darcy,

I write to endorse the Proposal for Modification of the Lakes Marion and Moultrie, SC Project (Lake Marion Regional Water Authority, LMRWA) for inclusion in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Annual Report to Congress.

The LMRWA was authorized in the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 to improve water quality systems in a multi-county, economically-disadvantaged area of South Carolina. It is an integral component of the region’s strategic infrastructure improvement effort designed to significantly improve regional quality of life, preserve local aquaculture, and stabilize infrastructure necessary for community and economic development. This regional project has been made possible by a strong collaboration of numerous stakeholders, including the Army Corps of Engineers, Santee Cooper, local governments, and area businesses. If approved, this proposal will provide water transmission lines in Calhoun, Dorchester, and Orangeburg Counties to help ensure reliable and sustainable potable water in this region of South Carolina.

Thank you for your consideration and support of this critically-needed Modification to bring the LMRWA Project towards completion. Should you have any questions, please contact Clark Packard in my office at clarkpackard@gov.sc.gov. God bless.

My very best,

Nikki R. Haley

Nikki R. Haley

NRH/ep
November 3, 2014

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy  
Assistant Secretary of the Army  
Department of the Army, Civil Works  
108 Army Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20310

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Thank you for your consideration and support of this critically-needed Modification to bring the LMRWA Project towards completion.

Sincerely,

Jim Newsome
November 14, 2014

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Assistant Secretary of the Army
Department of the Army, Civil Works
108 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310

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[Signature]

Robert M. Hitt III

RMH/vw
The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy  
Assistant Secretary of the Army  
Department of the Army, Civil Works  
108 Army Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20310

Dear Assistant Secretary Darcy:

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Christopher J. Murphy  
Chairman, Dorchester County Legislative Delegation  
South Carolina House of Representatives  
District 98
November 5, 2014

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy
Assistant Secretary of the Army
Department of the Army, Civil Works
108 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310

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Thank you for your consideration and support of this critically-needed Modification to bring the LMRWA Project towards completion. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

John W. Matthews, Jr.

JWMjr/dj
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Department of the Army, Civil Works
108 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310

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Sincerely,

Senator Sean M. Bennett
Senate District #38
October 15, 2014

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy
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Department of the Army, Civil Works
108 Army Pentagon
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Sincerely,

Brad Hutto
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Sincerely,

Jenny A. Horne
November 25, 2014

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Sincerely,

Russell Ott

RO/Jhm/November/25/14/2,3
November 26, 2014

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Patsy G. Knight

PK/vhr/2014nov25-3,4
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Sincerely,

Pat Black,
Chairman
November 24, 2014

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy
Assistant Secretary of the Army
Department of the Army, Civil Works
108 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310

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C. Gregory Robinson
Executive Director

CGR/tb
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Thank you for your consideration and support of this critically-needed Modification to bring the LMRWA Project towards completion.

Sincerely,

Linhwood Ling, Chairman
Dorchester County Economic Development Board
November 18, 2014

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy
Assistant Secretary of the Army
Department of the Army, Civil Works
108 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310

Dear Assistant Secretary Darcy:

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Sincerely,

Dede C. Cook
President

dcc/crd
November 14, 2014

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy
Assistant Secretary of the Army
Department of the Army, Civil Works
108 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310

Dear Assistant Secretary Darcy:

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Thank you for your consideration and support of this critically-needed Modification to bring the LMRWA Project towards completion.

Sincerely,

Rita C. Berry, IOM
President/CEO
November 12, 2014

Dear Assistant Secretary Darcy:

I am writing on behalf of the Tri-County Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and Members to endorse the Proposal for Modification of the LAKES HANOR and HOUHRY, SC PROJECT (Lake Marion Regional Water Authority, LMHWA) for inclusion in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Annual Report to Congress.

The LMHWA was authorized in the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 for wastewater treatment, water treatment, water supply, and water distribution systems in a multi-county, economically-disadvantaged area of South Carolina. It is an integral and key part of a larger, regional and strategic infrastructure improvement effort in South Carolina designed to significantly improve the human and environmental conditions in the region and enhance the local, state and national economies through efficient transport and distribution of goods throughout the U.S. This regional project — and its federal funding — have been made possible by the strong collaboration and cooperation of numerous public and private stakeholders — the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Santee Cooper, government and non-government entities, business and industry and many other concerned groups.

Among the most concerned groups is the Tri-County Regional Chamber of Commerce, organized in 1992 to serve the exact same region of the state that the LMHWA is now serving a portion of and will, when completed, serve all of the Chamber’s service area. The Chamber Board of Directors and Members fully support the LMHWA as it is vitally important to the improvement of our citizens’ lives.

To the extent of the current authorization, the LMHWA is enhancing the quality of life in a good portion of this decades-long underserved region by providing safe and reliable drinking water; improving other health, environmental and safety conditions; stabilizing water rates; leveraging public and private partnerships; and improving infrastructure to support economic development and job creation. However, the project is not complete. There still exist many more disadvantaged communities in the region that lack a clean, reliable, sustainable source of water of sufficient volume and pressure to promote good health, protect our environment, support fire suppression and other public safety services, as well as foster economic growth. Furthermore, a comprehensive study was undertaken in 2006 in partnership with the U.S. Economic Development Administration to evaluate numerous intersections along I-26 and I-95 for infrastructure capacity to support job creation. It was determined that this area, despite its close proximity to the Port of Charleston, is likely the most under-developed junction of primary interstate highways in the Eastern United States.

The Proposal for Modification is to bring the LMHWA multi-county water treatment and distribution system project to its fully-intended phasing. This is essential for the health and safety of the region and its citizens, as well as for the stability and future growth of the I-26/I-95 Corridor and the entire State of South Carolina. Infrastructure developments are underway at the Port of Charleston to prepare our state and nation for post-Panamax shipping opportunities, and this LMHWA project is complementary to that effort. Thank you for your consideration and support of this critically-needed Modification to bring the LMHWA Project towards completion.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Teresa M. Hatchell, Executive Director, Tri-County Regional Chamber of Commerce

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November 18, 2014

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy
Assistant Secretary of the Army
Department of the Army, Civil Works
108 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310

Dear Assistant Secretary Darcy:

The Lower Savannah Council of Governments, a regional organization serving six counties, some of which are directly impacted by the Lake Marion Regional Water Authority (Authority), endorses the Proposal for Modification of the Lakes Marion and Moultrie, SC Project (Lake Marion Regional Water Authority, LMWRA) for inclusion in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Annual Report to Congress. This regional project — and its Federal funding — have been made possible by the strong collaboration and cooperation of numerous public and private stakeholders, such as Lower Savannah, as well as the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Santee Cooper, government and non-government entities, business and industry and many other concerned groups and individual citizens.

Since the beginning of the Authority, Lower Savannah Council of Governments has been an active participant in the project. The outcomes of the project directly impact the economic and community development aspects of the area. The project is an integral and key part of a large, regional and strategic infrastructure improvement effort in South Carolina designed to significantly impact the human and environmental conditions in the region and enhance the local, state and national economies through efficient transport and distribution of goods throughout the U.S.

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Lower Savannah Council of Governments thanks you for your consideration and support of this critically-needed Modification to bring the LMRWA Project towards completion.

Sincerely,

Connie H. Shade
Executive Director
October 15, 2014

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy
Assistant Secretary of the Army
Department of the Army, Civil Works
108 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310

Dear Assistant Secretary Darcy:

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Thank you for your consideration and support of this critically-needed Modification to bring the LMRWA Project towards completion.

Sincerely,

Ronald E. Mitchum
Executive Director
November 24, 2014

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy
Assistant Secretary of the Army
Department of the Army, Civil Works
108 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310

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Thank you for your consideration and support of this critically-needed Modification to bring the LMRWA Project towards completion.

Sincerely,

G. Michael Briggs
President and CEO
November 24, 2014

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy
Assistant Secretary of the Army
Department of the Army, Civil Works
108 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310

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Thank you for your consideration and support of this critically-needed Modification to bring the LMWRA Project towards completion.

Sincerely,

David T. Ginn
President & CEO, Charleston Regional Development Alliance
November 24, 2014

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy
Assistant Secretary of the Army
Department of the Army, Civil Works
108 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310

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This project is essential for the health and safety of the region and its citizens. Thank you for your consideration and support of this critically-needed Modification to bring the LMRWA Project towards completion.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Cawley, M.D.
Executive Director/CEO, Medical Center and
Vice President for Clinical Operations, University

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November 24, 2014

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy  
Assistant Secretary of the Army  
Department of the Army, Civil Works  
108 Army Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20310

Dear Assistant Secretary Darcy:

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The LMWRA is an integral part of a regional and strategic infrastructure improvement effort in South Carolina to improve conditions in the region. This project has been possible through collaboration and cooperation of public and private stakeholders.

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The Proposal for Modification is to bring the LMWRA multi-county water treatment and distribution system project to its fully-intended phasing. This modification is important for the health and safety of the region, as well as for the stability and future growth of the I-26/I-95 Corridor and the entire State of South Carolina. This LMWRA Project is complementary to the infrastructure developments underway at the Port of Charleston to prepare for post-Panamax shipping opportunities.

Thank you for your support of this Modification to bring the LMWRA Project towards completion.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Lindsay E. Leonard
Senior Director
State & Local Government Operations
November 10, 2014

The Honorable Jo- Ellen Darcy  
Assistant Secretary of the Army  
Department of the Army, Civil Works  
108 Army Pentagon  
Washington, DC  20310  

Dear Assistant Secretary Darcy:  

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Thank you for your consideration and support of this critically-needed Modification to bring the LMRWA Project towards completion.

Sincerely,

Lonnie N. Carter

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November 25, 2014

The Honorable Jo- Ellen Darcy  
Assistant Secretary of the Army  
Department of the Army, Civil Works  
108 Army Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20310

Dear Assistant Secretary Darcy:

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Thank you for your consideration and support of this critically-needed Modification to bring the LMRWA Project towards completion.

Sincerely,  

[Signature]

Mike Couick  
President and CEO
November 4, 2014

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy
Assistant Secretary of the Army
Department of the Army, Civil Works
108 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310

Dear Assistant Secretary Darcy:

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David E. Pelkel
President/CEO
November 18, 2014

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Department of the Army, Civil Works
108 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310

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Sincerely,

Chad T. Lowder
Chief Executive Officer

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October 24, 2014

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy
Assistant Secretary of the Army
Department of the Army, Civil Works
108 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310

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Sincerely,

DORCHESTER COUNTY FIRE RESCUE

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Tres Atkinson
Fire Chief

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November 25, 2014

The Honorable Jo- Ellen Darcy
Assistant Secretary of the Army
Department of the Army, Civil Works
108 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310

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Sincerely,

RANDY S. COLEMAN, FIRE CHIEF
November 25, 2014

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy
Assistant Secretary of the Army
Department of the Army, Civil Works
108 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310

Dear Assistant Secretary Darcy:

I serve as the Director of Fire Services for the Orangeburg County Fire District since 1997 and am writing to endorse the Proposal for Modification of the LAKES MARION AND MOULTRIE, SC PROJECT (Lake Marion Regional Water Authority, LMRWA) for inclusion in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Annual Report to Congress.

To the extent of the current authorization, LMRWA is enhancing the quality of life in a good portion of this decades-long underserved region by supporting fire suppression and other public safety services, as well as foster economic growth.

Every day I see the effects of having non-hydranted areas of our county, in which case we have to rely heavily on our 100% volunteer firefighter workforce responding water tankers from surrounding departments. With the number of volunteers declining throughout South Carolina, we must hope that we will have enough staffing to set-up an effective water shuttle to save a life or at least try to stop the advance of the fire and give the family a little something to save and cherish. With the completion of this project and the addition of fire hydrants to the affected area, we will be able effectively save more lives and property.

Orangeburg County has also made significant reductions in Insurance Service Office (ISO) ratings due to the addition of the water system providing by the LMRWA, which has resulted in significant insurance premium savings of more than $800,000 dollars per year which goes directly back into the pockets of the residents and businesses of Orangeburg County.

Furthermore, the completion of this project will provide safe and reliable drinking water; improving other health, environmental and safety conditions; stabilizing water rates; leveraging public and private partnerships; and improving infrastructure to support economic development and job creation.

However, the project is not complete. There still exist many more disadvantaged communities in the region that lack a clean, reliable, sustainable source of water of sufficient volume and pressure to promote good health and protect our environmental, as well as foster economic growth.
In 2008 a comprehensive study was undertaken in partnership with the U.S. Economic Development Administration to evaluate numerous intersections along I-26 and I-95 for infrastructure capacity to support job creation. It was determined that this area, despite its close proximity to the Port of Charleston, is likely the most under-developed junction of primary interstate highway in the Eastern United States.

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Thank you for your consideration and support of this critically-needed Modification to bring the LMRWA Project towards completion.

Sincerely,

Gene Ball
Director of Fire Services
Orangeburg County Fire District
November 15, 2014

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy
Assistant Secretary of the Army
Department of the Army, Civil Works
108 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310

Dear Assistant Secretary Darcy:

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Sincerely,

James H. Hill
Vice President
Commercial and Industrial Development
November 14, 2014

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy
Assistant Secretary of the Army
Department of the Army, Civil Works
108 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310

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Sincerely,

Scott Leister
Controller
Comact Equipment US, Inc.
November 25, 2014

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Assistant Secretary of the Army  
Department of the Army, Civil Works  
108 Army Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20310

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Sincerely,

Joe McFalls  
Plant Manager  
Holcim (US) Inc. – Holly Hill Plant

November 10, 2014

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy  
Assistant Secretary of the Army  
Department of the Army, Civil Works  
108 Army Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20310

Dear Assistant Secretary Darcy:

Trident Technical College strongly supports the modification proposal for the Lakes Marion and Moultrie, SC Project (Lake Marion Regional Water Authority, LMRWA) for inclusion in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Annual Report to Congress. The college is aware of the proposals' benefits and the economic growth it will bring to the tri-county area and its residents.

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Sincerely,

Mary Thornley, Ed.D.  
President
The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy
Assistant Secretary of the Army
Department of the Army, Civil Works
108 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310

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Sincerely,

Walt A. Tobin, Ph.D.
President

FROM COLLEGE TO CAREER
November 10, 2014

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Assistant Secretary of the Army
Department of the Army, Civil Works
108 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310

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Sincerely,

David H. Wilkins
RICHARD W. RILEY  
Former Governor of South Carolina  
Former U. S. Secretary of Education  
November 25, 2014

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy  
Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works  
Washington, DC 20310

Dear Assistant Secretary Darcy:

I am writing to support and urge continuation to completion of the Lake Marion Regional Water Authority (LMRWA) project.

I am very familiar with the communities and residents of the areas to be served by this project. The region has extremely high poverty — much higher than the State and national poverty levels — and consists largely of poor, rural, African-American residents. They are good people who are working hard to improve themselves — as evidenced by the excellent public-private partnerships that have been formed for the LMRWA project.

Along with upgrading education in the region, with which I directly am involved, quality health care is a very important part of that improvement. And quality health care begins foremost with clean, safe drinking water.

There are many benefits for the region, our State and nation to be derived from the LMRWA project — transportation improvements, national security, economic development, to name just a few. I believe that better education can be the catalyst for all of those. But the fact is that children and adults cannot learn or work well if they are not healthy. And unsafe drinking water has been proven to be a — if not the — major contributor to unhealthy bodies.

I applaud the work of the Army Corps of Engineers, local governments and other public and private partners to date, and I strongly urge continued efforts to see this project completed. LMRWA is essential, on many levels, to lift the people of this region out of decades of generational, unhealthy poverty and into thriving, productive children and adults now and for decades to come.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Riley