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Ms. Lisa Kiefel
Planning Portfolio Manager
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
441 G Street NW.
Attn: CECW-CE
Washington, DC 20314-1000

Dear Ms. Kiefel:

I am writing in response to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers request for proposals in accordance with Section 7001 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 (WRRDA 2014).

On behalf of the City of Fort Myers, Florida, I respectfully request the Army Corps to conduct a feasibility study, which we believe would support the repair of City seawalls along the Caloosahatchee River which is a Section 404 waterway.

The scope of the project is to fund seawall inspections, evaluations, recommendations, engineering and permitting of a solution, and construction of the recommended improvements. We estimate the total cost of the project to be \$1,400,000.

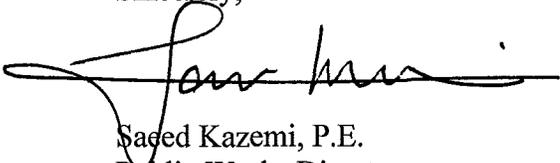
The project would repair/replace seawalls within the City of Fort Myers road right-of-ways abutting the Caloosahatchee River. By repairing or replacing the seawalls there will be a long term attenuation of wave action on adjacent landforms and minimization of coastal erosion associated with the wave actions. The Caloosahatchee Estuary Basin is currently listed as an impaired waterway, by limiting the erosion we will reduce nutrient laden runoff from entering the river. Additional benefits include increase of habitat for shorelines lined with riprap revetments. Social and economic benefits will also be felt by the residents once the seawalls are repaired.

This project has the support of the City of Fort Myers. If the project is to move forward with the assistance of the Army Corps of Engineers, the City will provide the necessary local match required.

Thank you for your consideration of this project. We look forward to discussing it with you further.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the above listed number.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Saeed Kazemi', written over a horizontal line.

Saeed Kazemi, P.E.
Public Works Director

cc: Vincent Miller, P.E., Stormwater Resource Manager