Project Proposal Submission Form

Project Name: Houma Navigation Canal (HNC) Deepening, Section 203

Project Criteria:

1. This Project meets the missions and authorities of the USACE;
2. This Project require specific congressional authorization, including an Act of Congress;
3. This Project has not been congressionally authorized, but has been accepted to be moved forward by the ASA's Office
4. This Project may have been included in a previous annual report
5. This Project if authorized 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. LaDOTD

   b. Terrebonne Port Commission

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 or feasibility study

   Name of Project/Study Modified:

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

   To evaluate the economic justifications for deepening the Houma Navigation Canal from the currently authorized depth of 15 feet to an increased, necessary depth of 20 feet.

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

   Estimated Total Cost: $2,000,000.00 to be paid by the Non-Federal interest, State of Louisiana/Port of Terrebonne

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.**

   National Economic Development (NED) benefits are anticipated from transportation cost savings. Houma, located within the Parish of Terrebonne, is a key supporter of Offshore Oil and Gas Industry which is expanding into deeper and deeper waters of the Gulf of Mexico. The service and supply vessels that support the Deepwater offshore rigs require a deeper draft. This forces businesses to make more trips with smaller vessels, light load their current fleet or utilize satellite facilities at deep draft ports such as Port Fourchon. Also, one of the major topside fabricators in the Gulf Region is located on the HNC, as well as one of the nation's largest offshore supply vessel fabricators. With present conditions, numerous tugs and other vessels are required to move out newly constructed topsides and large offshore vessels in order to deliver these topsides/vessels to the Gulf of Mexico. All too often, when toeing/pushing these large newly constructed structures and vessels, they continuously "drag" the bottom of the channel as they are being delivered to the Gulf of Mexico.

6. **Describe if local support exists for the proposal.**

   Significant support (and pressure) from Port tenants, the Terrebonne Port Commission, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government and the State of Louisiana

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

   See Attached.

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

   See Attachments.

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Sherri H. LeBas, P.E., Secretary

December 2, 2014

Colonel Richard L. Hansen, Commander
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New Orleans District
P.O. Box 60267
New Orleans, Louisiana 70160 - 0267

Re: Houma Navigation Canal, LA

Dear Colonel Hansen:

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, the sponsor of the Houma Navigation Canal, LA Section 203 Study, supports obtaining Corps approval of the feasibility study and Congressional authorization. It is our understanding that inclusion in the Corps' Annual Report to Congress, required by WRRDA 2014, is a step in that process. DOTD is prepared to seek the needed cost share to proceed once the project is approved.

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

Sincerely,

Sherri H. LeBas, P.E.
Secretary

SHL/sjb

cc: Mr. David Rabalais

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Attention: Sherri LeBas, Secretary of DOTD

Subject: Houma Navigation Canal Deepening Project

Reference: Houma Navigation Canal (HNC)
Section 203 Feasibility Study

Madam Secretary:

As you are aware, the Houma Navigation Canal (HNC) is the critical artery that provides the life-blood that fuels our local economy in Terrebonne Parish. Let it be known, that the Terrebonne Port Commission, a non-federal interest of the Houma Navigation Canal (HNC) - Section 203 Feasibility Study, heavily supports obtaining USACE and Congressional authorization to construct the HNC Deepening Project. With the Deepwater Oil & Gas industry rapidly growing, our current authorized depth of the HNC will soon be abandoned by industry causing a devastating downturn in our thriving local economy and also have significant impacts to the national economy.

If you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at (985) 873-6428.

Sincerely,

David Rabalais
Executive Director

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