FedEx Tracking #:
772079919369

PORT CORPUS CHRISTI

December 3, 2014

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

Subject: Section 7001 of WRRDA 2014 and Federal Register Vol. 79. No 150, Notices, Proposals From Non-Federal Interests for Proposed Feasibility Studies and Proposed Modifications to Authorized Water Resources Development Projects for Inclusion in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Annual Report

Dear Ms. Kiefel:

The Port of Corpus Christi Authority is the non-federal sponsor for improvements to the Corpus Christi Ship Channel System.

Pursuant to Section 7001 of WRRDA 2014, the PCCA submits two projects for inclusion in the Annual Report. The projects include the proposal to Deepen to 52 feet MLT and Widen the La Quinta Channel Including the Two Turning Basins and the Wye at La Quinta Junction where the Main Channel at the Corpus Christi Ship Channel intersects with the La Quinta Ship Channel, and the proposal for Improvements to Increase the Size of the Corpus Christi Ship Channel (CCSC) Chemical, Tule Lake and Viola Turning Basins and Create New Turning Basin Near the Existing Corpus Christi Turning Basin. **Pursuant to the Federal Register Notice,** the PCCA has enclosed the requested Supplemental Information for each proposal.

The PCCA supports the proposals and requests consideration for their inclusion in the Annual Report, as appropriate, and has the financial capability to provide the required cost share should any be required going forward.

Should you or colleagues have any questions, please contact me at (361) 885-6134, email krams@pocca.com, or Mr. Dan Koesema, P.E. at (361) 885-6138, email dan@pocca.com.

Sincerely,

David L. Krams, P.E.
Director of Engineering Services

Enclosures
cc: Dan Koesema, PCCA
Paul Carangelo, PCCA
Bill Wise, USACE

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION - Port of Corpus Christi Authority

Federal Register Vol. 79. No 150, Notices, August 5, 2014, Proposals from Non-Federal Interests for Proposed Feasibility Studies and Proposed Modifications to Authorized Water Resources Development Projects for Inclusion in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Annual Report

Proposal: Deepen to 52 feet MLT and Widen the La Quinta Channel Including the Two Turning Basins and the Wye at La Quinta Junction

1. Name of Non-Federal Sponsor
    - PORT OF CORPUS CHRISTI AUTHORITY

2. Feasibility Study or Modification
    - Feasibility Study

3. Project Purpose
    - To develop and evaluate alternatives for navigation problems that directly affects the Corpus Christi Ship Channel and La Quinta Channel including the recently constructed La Quinta Channel Extension. To allow for a more effective, safe and efficient waterway, the study to focus on eliminating major problems contributing to inefficiencies such as insufficient depth and width in the La Quinta Channel including two turning basins and the Wye at La Quinta Junction. The project to identify economic benefits associated with proposed projects and to recommend alternative that maximize those benefits.

4. Estimate of Total Cost of Proposed Study
    - $3 million

5. Anticipated Monetary and Non-Monetary Benefits
    - Net positive decrease in transportation cost savings with benefits exceeding costs for the projected life of the project
    - Increase and/or sustain existing workforce and regional employment
    - Net positive environmental, social, and security betterments

6. Local Support Exists
    - Broad local support exists for proposal

7. Financial Capability of Non-federal Interest for Required Cost Shares
    - The Port of Corpus Christi Authority has the financial capability for required cost share

8. Letter or Statement of Support from Non-Federal Interest
    - Attached

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION - Port of Corpus Christi Authority

Federal Register Vol. 79. No 150, Notices, August 5, 2014, Proposals from Non-Federal Interests for Proposed Feasibility Studies and Proposed Modifications to Authorized Water Resources Development Projects for Inclusion in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Annual Report

Proposal: Improvements to Increase the Size of the Corpus Christi Ship Channel (CCSC) Chemical, Tule Lake and Viola Turning Basins and Create New Turning Basin Near the Existing Corpus Christi Turning Basin

1. Name of Non-Federal Sponsor
   - PORT OF CORPUS CHRISTI AUTHORITY

2. Feasibility Study or Modification
   - Feasibility Study (Potential Assumption of Maintenance) or Modification/Betterment under Chief of Engineer Discretionary Authority

3. Project Purpose
   - To redress navigation problems that directly affects the CCSC system. To allow for a more effective, safe and efficient waterway, the project to focus on eliminating major problems contributing to inefficiencies such as insufficient width dimensions of the existing Chemical, Tule and Viola Turning Basins within the CCSC Inner Harbor.

4. Estimate of Total Cost of Proposed Study
   - $1 million

5. Anticipated Monetary and Non-Monetary Benefits
   - Net positive decrease in transportation cost savings with benefits exceeding costs for the projected life of the project
   - Increase and/or sustain existing workforce and regional employment
   - Net positive environmental, social, and security betterments

6. Local Support Exists
   - Broad local support exists for proposal

7. Financial Capability of Non-federal Interest for Required Cost Shares
   - The Port of Corpus Christi Authority has the financial capability for required cost share

8. Letter or Statement of Support from Non-Federal Interest
   - Attached