

# Appendix B

## **NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR'S LETTERS OF SUPPORT**

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WILLIAM D. ANKNER, Ph.D.  
SECRETARY

April 30, 2008

Colonel Alvin B. Lee  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
New Orleans District  
Post Office Box 60267  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70160-0267

Subject: Houma Navigation Canal Deepening Project

Dear Colonel Lee:

This is to advise that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) intends to serve as the Local Sponsor for the Houma Navigation Canal Deepening Project in conjunction with the Terrebonne Port Commission and the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government as co-sponsors. Enclosed are copies of the resolutions from the Terrebonne Port Commission and the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government indicating their intent to serve as co-sponsors with DOTD for this project. The State intends to provide all funds necessary to satisfy the total Local Sponsor cost-share requirements of the project.

DOTD intends to acquire the funding from the State Legislature through the sale of general obligation bonds in the State's Capital Outlay Program and/or any other non-federal funding source that may be available. The State has used this mechanism to fund the local cost share of several large scale, multi-year Corps of Engineers' projects before and we feel this will be appropriate for this project.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Edmond J. Preau, Jr., Acting Assistant Secretary, Public Works, Hurricane Flood Protection and Intermodal Transportation at (225) 274-4106 or myself.

Very truly yours,

William D. Ankner, Ph.D.  
Secretary

cc: Terrebonne Port Authority  
Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government

Enclosures: Terrebonne Port Authority Resolution  
Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government Resolution



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John Bel Edwards, Governor  
Shawn D. Wilson, Ph.D., Secretary

October 2, 2017

Mr. Brad Inman, Chief Projects and Restoration Branch  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New Orleans District  
CEMVN-PM-B  
7400 Leake Ave.  
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RE: Letter of Intent  
Houma Navigation Canal Deepening Project

Dear Mr. Inman:

This letter is to advise that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LaDOTD) intends to serve as the Non-Federal Sponsor for the Houma Navigation Canal Deepening Project in conjunction with the Terrebonne Port Commission and the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government as co-sponsors. Enclosed are copies of the resolutions from the Terrebonne Port Commission and the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government indicating their intent to serve as co-sponsors with the LaDOTD for this project. The State intends to provide all funds necessary to satisfy the total Non-Federal Sponsor cost-share requirements of the project.

This letter, while not legally binding on the LaDOTD as an obligation of future funds, declares the state's full support for the effort and expresses the LaDOTD's willingness to serve as the non-federal sponsor. LaDOTD intends to acquire the funding from the State Legislature through the sale of general obligation bonds in the State's Capital Outlay Program and/or any other non-federal funding source that may be available. The State has used this mechanism to fund the local cost-share of several large scale, multi-year Corps of Engineers projects before, and we feel this will be appropriate for this project.

The LaDOTD has designated Molly Bourgoyne (225-379-3033) as the point of contact for this project. If you have any questions, please contact her or myself.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas M. Clark". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Thomas M. Clark  
Commissioner of Multimodal Commerce

TMC/MEB/meb

cc: Shawn D. Wilson, Ph.D., DOTD, Office of the Secretary

OFFERED BY: MS. C. DUPLANTIS-PRATHER  
SECONDED BY: MR. D. W. GUIDRY, SR.

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-279**

A resolution providing for the local non-federal co-sponsorship of the Houma Navigation Canal Deepening Project

**WHEREAS**, Terrebonne Parish constructed the 36.6 mile Houma Navigation Canal (HNC) in 1962 to provide direct access to the nearby resources of the Gulf of Mexico, and

**WHEREAS**, in 1973 authority was granted to increase the HNC project dimensions to elevation -18 feet Mean Low Gulf by 300 feet bottom width between mile 0 and the Gulf of Mexico, which enlargement was completed in July 1974, and

**WHEREAS**, the US Army Corps of Engineers has undertaken a Feasibility Study in conjunction with the State of Louisiana to determine the most economically feasible and environmentally acceptable depth of the Houma Navigation Canal, and

**WHEREAS**, the desire to keep the Houma Navigation Canal Lock and Flood Gate Phases of hurricane protection separate and precedent to the deepening project has been widely supported by several local organizations, including the members of the Terrebonne Parish Council, and

**WHEREAS**, in order to capitalize on the economic opportunities that are available as a result of oil and gas development in the Outer Continental Shelf Region (OSC), larger vessels are required to provide supplies and transport the higher payload structures required for OCS exploration and development, and

**WHEREAS**, the Parish Council believes that increasing the depth is of vital importance to the safety, health, and welfare, and the economic stability for Terrebonne Parish, and

**WHEREAS**, the Terrebonne Parish Council believes that entering into a Project Cooperation Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the HNC Deepening Project in pursuit of economic development for the parish and region will serve a public purpose and have a public benefit commensurate with the costs.

**WHEREAS**, the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, believes that serving as the non-federal local co-sponsor in conjunction with the Terrebonne Parish Port Commission, and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development is warranted, upon recommendation of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Chief of Engineers that the HNC Deepening project is in the overall public interest and a justified expenditure of federal funds, and

**WHEREAS**, the local co-sponsors are required to enter into a Project Cooperation Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and provide up to 25% non-federal share of project costs,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, in consideration of the above stated recitals, that the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, indicates its intent to serve as the local co-sponsor along with the Terrebonne Parish Port Commission, and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development; and its intent to enter into a Project Cooperation Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the Houma Navigation Canal Deepening Project, upon recommendation of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Chief of Engineers that the HNC Deepening project is in the overall public interest and a justified expenditure of federal funds.

**THERE WAS RECORDED:**

YEAS: S. Dryden, C. Duplantis-Prather, D. W. Guidry, Sr., A. Marmande, D. J. Guidry, J. Navy, and G. Michel.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

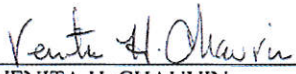
ABSENT: S. Trosclair and A. Williams.

The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this the 21st day of August 2017.

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I, VENITA H. CHAUVIN, Council Clerk of the Terrebonne Parish Council, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Public Services Committee on August 21, 2017 and subsequently ratified by the Assembled Council in Regular Session on August 23, 2017 at which meeting a quorum was present.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 24TH DAY OF AUGUST 2017.

  
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VENITA H. CHAUVIN  
COUNCIL CLERK  
TERREBONNE PARISH COUNCIL

OFFERED BY: Andrew Blanchard  
SECONDED BY: Chris Emy

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RESOLUTION 17-004

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A resolution providing for the local non-federal co-sponsorship of the Houma Navigation Canal Deepening Project

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish constructed the 36.6 mile Houma Navigation Canal(HNC) in 1962 to provide direct access to the nearby resources of the Gulf of Mexico, and

WHEREAS, in 1973 authority was granted to increase the HNC project dimensions to elevation - 18 feet Mean Low Gulf by 300 feet bottom width between mile 0 and the Gulf of Mexico, which enlargement was completed in July 1974, and

WHEREAS, the US Army Corps of Engineers has undertaken a Feasibility Study to determine the most economically feasible and environmentally acceptable depth of the Houma Navigation Canal, and

WHEREAS, the desire to keep the Houma Navigation Canal Lock and Flood Gate Phases of hurricane protection separate and precedent to the deepening project has been widely supported by several local organizations, including the members of the Terrebonne Parish Council, and

WHEREAS, in order to capitalize on the economic opportunities that are available as a result of oil and gas development in the Outer Continental Shelf Region (OSC), larger vessels are required to provide supplies and transport the higher payload structures required for OCS exploration and development, and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Port Commission believes that increasing the depth, subsequent to providing 100 year storm surge protection within the HNC is of vital importance to the safety, health, and welfare, and the economic stability for Terrebonne Parish, and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Port Commission believes that entering into a Project Cooperation Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the HNC Deepening Project in pursuit of economic development for the parish and region will serve a public purpose and have a public benefit commensurate with the costs.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Port Commission believes that serving as the non-federal local co-sponsor in conjunction with the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development is warranted, upon recommendation of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Chief of Engineers that the HNC Deepening project is in the overall public interest and a justified expenditure of federal funds, and

WHEREAS, the local co-sponsors are required to enter into a Project Cooperation Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and provide up to 25% non-federal share of project costs,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in consideration of the above stated recitals, that the Terrebonne Port Commission indicates its intent to serve as the local co-sponsor along with the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development; and its intent to enter into a Project Cooperation Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the Houma Navigation Canal Deepening Project, upon

recommendation of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Chief of Engineers that the HNC Deepening project is in the overall public interest and a justified expenditure of federal funds, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as set out herein, that this governing body does hereby continue to support the concept of the separation of the "Flood Gate", "Locks" and "Deepening" Phases of the overall Houma Navigation Canal Project and that, with the exception of pre-construction tasks associated with planning and engineering design, and the actual deepening phase of the project is to be initiated only after the other phases are in place

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: Andrew Blanchard, Charles Giglio, Edward Rome, Dan Davis, Chris Erny, and Greg Landry

NAYS:


ABSTAINING:

ABSENT: Steve Crispino

#### CERTIFICATE

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, Secretary of this Commission, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Terrebonne Port Commission, adopted at a meeting held at the domicile of said Commission in the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana, on the 18 day of July 2017.

Aug, 2017. WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL, this 2nd day of

  
CHRIS ERNY, Secretary

ATTEST:  
  
STEVE CRISPINO, President



**NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR'S  
SELF-CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL CAPABILITY  
FOR DECISION DOCUMENTS  
FOR THE HOUMA NAVIGATION CANAL DEEPENING PROJECT**

I, THOMAS M. CLARK, do hereby certify that I am the Commissioner of Multimodal Commerce within the Department of Transportation and Development of Louisiana (the "Non-Federal Sponsor"); that I am aware of the financial obligations of the Non-Federal Sponsor for the Houma Navigation Canal Deepening Project; and that the Non-Federal Sponsor will have the financial capability to satisfy the Non-Federal Sponsor's obligations for that project. I understand that the Government's acceptance of this self-certification shall not be construed as obligating either the Government or the Non-Federal Sponsor to implement a project.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have made and executed this certification this 2nd day of October, 2017.

BY: Thomas M. Clark

NAME: Thomas M. Clark

TITLE: Commissioner of the Office of Multimodal Commerce within the Louisiana DOTD



GORDON E. DOVE  
PARISH PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF THE PARISH PRESIDENT  
TERREBONNE PARISH CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT  
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September 26, 2017



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Colonel Michael N. Clancy  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
New Orleans District  
P.O. Box 60267  
New Orleans, LA 70160-0267

**Subject: Houma Navigation Canal Feasibility Study Feasibility Study Deepening Project (HNC Section 203 Report), Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana – Letter of Intent**

Dear Colonel Clancy:

This is to advise that the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government (TPCG) intends to serve as a Local Co-Sponsor for the Houma Navigation Canal Deepening Project in conjunction with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) and the Terrebonne Port Commission also as co-sponsors. Enclosed is a copy of a resolution adopted by the Terrebonne Parish Council indicating its intent to have TPCG serve as a co-sponsor for this project along with DOTD and the Terrebonne Port Commission.

TPCG will assist, if necessary, in concert with DOTD's efforts as the prime local co-sponsor to secure state capital outlay funds, any other non-federal funds as well as any local funds that may become available through its normal budgeting process. Prior to a commitment for the use of such local funds, approval by the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government Council will be necessary.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Al Levron, Parish Manager at (985) 873-6401 or me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gordon E. Dove".

Gordon E. Dove  
Parish President

Cc: Shawn Wilson, Ph.D., Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development  
David Rabalais, Terrebonne Port Commission

Enclosure: TPCG Resolution

OFFERED BY: MS. C. DUPLANTIS-PRATHER  
SECONDED BY: MR. D. W. GUIDRY, SR.

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**THERE WAS RECORDED:**

YEAS: S. Dryden, C. Duplantis-Prather, D. W. Guidry, Sr., A. Marmande, D. J. Guidry, J. Navy, and G. Michel.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.


ABSENT: S. Trosclair and A. Williams.

The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this the 21st day of August 2017.

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I, VENITA H. CHAUVIN, Council Clerk of the Terrebonne Parish Council, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Public Services Committee on August 21, 2017 and subsequently ratified by the Assembled Council in Regular Session on August 23, 2017 at which meeting a quorum was present.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 24TH DAY OF AUGUST 2017.

  
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VENITA H. CHAUVIN  
COUNCIL CLERK  
TERREBONNE PARISH COUNCIL

**NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR'S  
SELF-CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL CAPABILITY  
FOR DECISION DOCUMENTS**

I, Kandace M. Mauldin, do hereby certify that I am the Chief Financial Officer of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government (the "Non-Federal Sponsor"); that I am aware of the financial obligations of the Non-Federal Sponsor for the HNC Deepening Project; and that the Non-Federal Sponsor will have the financial capability to satisfy the Non-Federal Sponsor's obligations for that project. I understand that the Government's acceptance of this self-certification shall not be construed as obligating either the Government or the Non-Federal Sponsor to implement a project.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have made and executed this certification this 31<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2017.

BY: Kandace M. Mauldin

TITLE: CFO

DATE: 10/31/2017

# TERREBONNE PORT COMMISSION

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**Steve Crispino**

*President*

**Greg Landry**

*Vice President*

**Chris Erny**

*Secretary*

**David Rabalais**

*Executive Director*



**Edward Rome**

*Member*

**Charles Giglio**

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**Dan Davis**

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**Andrew Blanchard**

*Member*

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September 26, 2017

Colonel Michael Clancy  
US Army Corps of Engineers  
New Orleans District  
PO Box 60267  
New Orleans, LA 70160-0267

Subject: Houma Navigation Canal Deepening Project

Dear Colonel Clancy:

This is to advise that the Terrebonne Port Commission (TPC) intends to serve as one of the Local Sponsors for the Houma Navigation Canal Deepening Project for the 20-foot channel as recommended by the Civil Works Review Board. Together with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) and the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government (TPCG), TPC intends to provide any support necessary and within their means to satisfy the Local Sponsor requirements of the project in accordance with the April 30, 2008 letter from the Secretary of LATOD.

If you have any further questions and/or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (985) 873-6428.

Sincerely,

TERREBONNE PORT COMMISSION

David Rabalais  
Executive Director

cc: Mr. Al Levron                      TPCG  
      Mr. Tommy Clark                LADOTD

**NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR'S  
SELF-CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL CAPABILITY  
FOR DECISION DOCUMENTS**

I, DAVID RABALAIS, do hereby certify that I am the Executive Director of the Terrebonne Port Commission; that I am aware of the financial obligations of the Non-Federal Sponsor for the HNC 203 project; and the Non-Federal Sponsors will have the financial capability to satisfy the Non-Federal Sponsor's obligations for that project. I understand that the Government's acceptance of this self-certification shall not be construed as obligating either the Government or the Non-Federal Sponsor to implement a project.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have made and executed this certification this 31<sup>st</sup> day of October 2017.

BY: David Rell

TITLE: Executive Director

DATE: October 31, 2017