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GULF COUNTY RESTORE ACT PROJECT PRE-PROPOSAL FORM

Project Name: St. Joseph Peninsula Beach Stabilization Project

Submitting Entity: Gulf County Board of County Commissioners

I. Please select one or more eligible activity that the project is classified under:

- Restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast region.
- Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife and natural resources.
- Implementation of a federally approved marine, coastal or comprehensive conservation management plan, including fisheries monitoring.
- Workforce development and job creation.
- Improvements to or on State parks located in coastal areas affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.
- Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure.
- Coastal flood protection and related infrastructure.
- Planning assistance.
- Promotion of tourism and seafood in the Gulf Coast region.

II. Please provide an executive summary of the project. Describe/quantify the economic (jobs, infrastructure, tourism, etc.) and environmental benefits (habitat, quality, knowledge, long-term sustainability, etc.).

This project is intended to stabilize a section of the Gulf front beach on St. Joseph Peninsula from the southern tip to 1 mile north of the Stumphole area. Portions of the section of beach planned to be stabilized has been critically eroding for many years, which limits the life expectancy of a nourished beach to a maximum of 10 years.

The intent of this project is to nourish the beach with sand from off-shore, and mitigate the current(s) that has been causing the erosion by placement of offshore structures that are below the water level, a project above the water level or a combination.

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The result will be a stabilized coastline with greater longevity than a typical nourished beach that will provide an environment for the species that need a sandy beach, will provide recreation opportunities for the public and will protect coastal improvements.

- III. Please provide a cost summary/budget. Detail any matching/cooperative funds available for use, and any cooperative support from governmental or other agencies.

The estimated cost for this project is \$25,000,000, which will be matched by the State of Florida. Pursuant to our agreement with Eglin Air Force Base to allow public use of the beaches, the State can cost-share more than the estimated thirty percent (30%) thereby lessening the restore contribution or allowing an expansion of the planned project. Currently, it is estimated that RESTORE funds in the amount of \$17,500,000 will be needed.

- IV. Please provide a timeline for project completion. Explain the technical and environmental feasibility (including any permitting considerations) of the project.

The project includes designing, permitting and construction. The design phase can commence within 90 days, and permitting will follow. It is anticipated the construction phase could start in 24 months and would take approximately 12 months to finalize.

- V. Please provide the qualifications of the Submitting Entity, the financial feasibility/sustainability and the economic feasibility and sustainability of the project (probability of success, etc.).

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners will be the submitting entity. The GCBOCC is familiar with the process of funding and constructing a coastal nourishment project, having administered the 2006 beach nourishment project. This project has a high probability of success because of the mitigating factors that are an integral part of the project.

VI. Please provide the anticipated results of the project, and whether it is included in a City of Port St. Joe, City of Wewahitchka or Gulf County Comprehensive and Mitigation Plan?

It is anticipated that the project will provide stability to a historically active eroding area of the Gulf front beach which will lessen the cost to the taxpayers, and will provide habitat for species which require a sandy beach. Recreation benefits will also be preserved and improvements along the coastline will be safeguarded.

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**PUBLIC RECORDS POLICY AND PUBLIC ACCESS ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR
GULF COUNTY RESTORE ACT APPLICANTS**

I, Donald Butler the undersigned authority and/or representative of the entity Gulf County BOCC and or the individual who has submitted the Gulf County RESTORE Act Proposal/Pre-Proposal titled St. Joseph Peninsula Beach Stabilization Project hereby acknowledge, consent and accept the following representations that coincide with my/our submission for consideration, evaluation and possible recommendation and approval by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners for funding from the RESTORE Act distribution that strictly complies with the guidelines and regulations set forth under the Restoration and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012:

1. I/We am the authorized representative of the application/pre-proposal referenced above.
2. I/We have thoroughly reviewed and familiarized myself and/or my entity on which I have submitted the application/pre-proposal on behalf of with the entirety of the Gulf County Public Records policy.
3. I/We have thoroughly reviewed and familiarized myself and/or my entity on which I have submitted the application/pre-proposal on behalf of with the entirety of the Florida Statute Chapter 119 which controls and permits public access to information.
4. I/We hereby acknowledge, consent and agree to the controlling policies and statutes above as well as the free and open exchange of any and all submissions provided hereunder this application/pre-proposal and all information exchanged hereafter including but not limited to further amendments to these proposals as well as surveys, studies, research, data production, books, drawings, property records, work papers, county owner lists, files, forms, reports, accounts, documents, manuals, handbooks, instructions, printouts relating in any manner for the production of the application. In addition, all papers, notes, data, reference material, documentation, programs, printouts, and all other media and forms of expression that in any way include, incorporate or reflect any confidential information of what ultimately shall become the Gulf County plans for use and application of the RESTORE Act funding.
5. I/We acknowledge, agree and fully consent to cooperate with the appointed Gulf County RESTORE ACT committee, county officials and staff as a continuing obligation and condition of final review for this RESTORE Act application/pre-proposal.
6. I/We have submitted this acknowledgment to Gulf County RESTORE Act Committee and the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners for the purpose and intent of receiving an evaluation, review and possible recommendations for anticipated funding from the Restoration and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012.

Donald Butler
Signature of RESTORE Act Applicant

Date: 1-16-13

Donald Butler
Printed Name

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