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CPRA Solicits Proposals for Mid-Breton Sediment Diversion Engineering and Design

Baton Rouge, LA - October 5, 2017 Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) released a Request for Statement of Interest and Qualifications (RSIQ) for eligible firms interested in providing engineering and design services for the Mid-Breton Sediment Diversion project.

This project is part of the Mississippi River Mid-Basin Sediment Diversion Program, which also includes the proposed Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion. These two projects will be the first controlled sediment diversions reconnecting the Mississippi River with its delta. A cornerstone of Louisiana's Coastal Master Plan, these diversions will provide sediment, water, and nutrients to the basins in order to build, maintain, and sustain the wetlands, complementing the billions of dollars that have been or will be invested in coastal protection and restoration projects, such as marsh creation projects, which utilize Mississippi River dredging.

“This announcement is a critical step in our continued efforts to rebuild and sustain coastal Louisiana,” said CPRA Chairman Johnny Bradberry. “We need the best and brightest minds working alongside CPRA to help us design and construct this transformational project.”

CPRA seeks a team of consultants to provide engineering services and a final design for the Mid-Breton Sediment Diversion. The chosen team will also play a critical role in CPRA's selected innovative delivery method for the project, which is known as Construction Management at Risk (CMAR). This involves hiring the construction contractor during the early design phases to collaborate with the consultant team on engineering, constructability, and costing.

The general location of the Mid-Breton diversion will be north of the proposed Mid-Barataria location on the east bank of the Mississippi River, near Wills Point. The diversion complex is anticipated to include an inlet channel, a gated structure at the Mississippi River Levee, a conveyance channel, outlet channel complex, interior drainage improvements, and highway accommodations.

A Pre-Submittal Conference will be held for potential proposers. The deadline for questions is November 1, 2017. The solicitation window closes on November 20, 2017 and the selection is anticipated to be announced in February, 2018.

For more information on the solicitation, visit [RSIQ # 2503-18-02 Mid-Breton Sediment Diversion Project \(BA-153\)](#).

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Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority is the single state entity with authority to develop, articulate, implement, and enforce a comprehensive coastal protection and restoration Master Plan of unified vision to reduce hurricane storm surge flood impact, to restore our bountiful natural resources, to build land to protect our nation's critical energy infrastructure, and to secure Louisiana's coast now and for future generations.