

# CPRA ADVISORY COMMISSION INDUSTRY UPDATE

# COAST BUILDERS COALITION

- **Non-profit organization with the mission to support efforts to design, build and preserve the gulf coast.**
  - Born out of discussions on how to best support Louisiana's coastal program
  - Grow the funding and then spend it in an efficient and effective manner
- **Made up of the engineers, contractors, consultants, mitigation banks and others involved in coastal restoration and hurricane protection work.**

# INDUSTRY GROWTH

- **Post-Katrina the Louisiana industry grew from \$100 million a year to over \$1 billion annually**
  - Initial growth in funding from HSDRRS
  - Second phase from Deepwater Horizon
  - Many companies also involved in energy work and transportation work
- **CCRE estimates of 2026 Annual Plan, plus work in Corps Districts and local work shows still over \$1 billion annually**

# INDUSTRY ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Timely providing necessary equipment, including dredges**
- **Growing the workforce, with the help of Louisiana education institutions and state coordination efforts**
- **Coordination with CPRA to efficiently procure consulting and contracting services**
- **THE STATE'S COMMITMENT TO THE MASTER PLAN AND ANNUAL PLAN AS BEEN CRITICAL TO SUCCESS IN THESE AREAS**
- **Louisiana is now exporting its coastal restoration and protection expertise around the nation and world**

# INDUSTRY CHALLENGES

- **The 80/20 rule applied to coastal funding**
  - 20% recurring v. 80% temporary
  - State transportation funding has the opposite ratio
- **Workforce impacted by other industries**
- **Opportunities to innovate**
- **Opportunities to export expertise**

# QUESTIONS?

