

**Program Suggestions for the State of Alabama Coastal Impact Assistance Program
Plan Amendment for FY 2009 and FY 2010
January 14, 2009**

The State of Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR), Baldwin County Commission and Mobile County Commission are soliciting Program Suggestions for inclusion into the Alabama Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) Plan Amendment for FY 2009 and FY 2010.

Part 1 – CIAP Overview

The Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) was established by Section 384 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to assist producing states and their coastal political subdivisions in mitigating the impacts from Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas production. The CIAP legislation appropriated \$250 million per year for fiscal years 2007 through 2010 to be distributed among eligible producing States and the coastal political subdivisions. The State of Alabama is one of six states eligible to receive CIAP funding. In addition to Alabama, other CIAP recipient states include: Alaska, California, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. The federal agency charged with managing the CIAP is the Minerals Management Service (MMS) in the Department of the Interior.

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) is the lead agency for development and implementation of the CIAP. The State Lands Division provides day-to-day oversight and management of the Program. The State Lands Division coordinated closely with the coastal political subdivisions (Baldwin County and Mobile County) in developing the State of Alabama CIAP Plan for FY 2007 and FY 2008, which was approved by the MMS on April 21, 2009. The Plan included 47 projects totaling \$51,103,214.08 of available funding. For more information or to download the State of Alabama CIAP Plan for FY 2007 and FY 2008, please visit www.alabamaciap.gov.

In order to allocate the remaining CIAP funds from FY 2009 and FY 2010, the State of Alabama, Baldwin County, and Mobile County will develop the State of Alabama CIAP Plan Amendment for FY 2009 and FY 2010.

Part 2 - Authorized Use of CIAP Funding

According to the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-58) and the MMS Program Guidelines, the Authorized Uses of Coastal Impact Assistance Program Funds are:

1. Projects and activities for the conservation, protection, or restoration of coastal areas, including wetland;
2. Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, or natural resources;
3. Planning assistance and the administrative costs of complying with this section;
4. Implementation of a federally-approved marine, coastal or comprehensive conservation management plan;
5. Mitigation of the impact of Outer Continental Shelf activities through funding or onshore infrastructure projects and public service needs.

For more information on the Authorized Uses, please reference the most recent version of the CIAP State Plan Guidelines published by the MMS. This document is located at:

http://www.mms.gov/offshore/CIAP/PDFs/FinalPlanGuidelinesRevised1008_.pdf.

Part 3 – Contact Information and Program Suggestion Submission Instructions

A template for the Program Suggestion is attached to this announcement and the deadline for receipt of Program Suggestions is **Monday March 1, 2010 at 5:00 pm**. Program Suggestions must be submitted, as set forth below, to at least one of the Alabama CIAP recipients (Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Baldwin County Commission or Mobile County Commission) or to a combination thereof, depending on the proposed source(s) of CIAP funding for the Program Suggestion.

1. State of Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Please submit the completed Program Suggestion template electronically (MS Word or *.pdf format) to dcnr.ciap@alabama.gov, via mail to Cara Stallman (address below) or dropped off at Cara Stallman's address below. For more information on the State of Alabama CIAP Plan Amendment, please contact either Cara Stallman or Will Brantley:

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Montgomery, AL 36130
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F: 334.242.0999
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2. Baldwin County Commission. Please submit the completed Program Suggestion template electronically (MS Word or *.pdf) to the Baldwin County Commission at jbatchelor@co.baldwin.al.us, via mail to Julie Batchelor (address below), or dropped off at address below. For more information on the Baldwin County CIAP Plan Amendment for FY 2009 and FY 2010, please contact:

Julie Batchelor, P.E.
Baldwin County Planning and Zoning Department
312 Courthouse Square, Suite 18
Bay Minette, AL 36507
T: 251.580.1655 ext. 7255
F: 251.580.1656
E: jbatchelor@co.baldwin.al.us

3. Mobile County Commission. Please submit the completed Program Suggestion template electronically (MS Word or *.pdf) to the Mobile County Commission at bmelton@mobilecounty.net, via mail to Bill Melton (address below), or dropped off at address below. For more information on the Mobile County CIAP Plan Amendment for FY 2009 and FY 2010, please contact:

Bill Melton, P.E.
Environmental Services Director
Mobile County Public Works
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Mobile, AL 36644
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**CIAP Plan Amendment for FY 2009 and FY 2010
Program Suggestion Submittal Format**

Designate which CIAP recipient to whom you are submitting a Program Suggestion. Program Suggestions must be submitted to at least one of the Alabama CIAP recipients (Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Baldwin County Commission or Mobile County Commission) or to a combination thereof, depending on the proposed source(s) of CIAP funding for the Program Suggestion.

- Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Baldwin County Commission Mobile County Commission

Project Name: _____

Project Summary

- Project Location:
- Estimated Cost:
- Goals and Objectives of the Project:
- Project Description:

CIAP Authorized Use

- Justification¹: (Provide an explanation of how the project is consistent with the identified Authorized Use; include, as appropriate, how the project directly or indirectly benefits the natural coastal environment)

Other Required Information

- Cost Sharing²: (Please describe any local financial commitment or leveraging of resources)
- Relationship to other programs³ (Please describe relationship, if any, to any other existing programs involved in the project):
- Detailed contact information including name of individual representative, group affiliation (if applicable), mailing address, e-mail address, telephone number and fax number.

¹ Please use Authorized Use #1, #2, #4, or #5 as the justification. Authorized Use #3 is solely for use by CIAP recipients, and, accordingly is not an applicable justification for Program Suggestion submittals.

² Leveraging of resources can include in-kind contributions, private donations, assistance, etc... For ADCNR Program Suggestions, the State will consider favorably the submittal of Program Suggestions which promote local commitment to a Program Suggestion's successful implementation.

³ Examples of existing Alabama Coastal Programs include the Alabama Coastal Area Management Program (ACAMP) and the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program (MBNEP).