



GOMESA PHASE II PROJECT FUNDING

Request for Funding FY2026

Submission ID: #202509241355

PROJECT SUMMARY

1. Title of Project

Bernard Bayou Seaway Dredge and Boat

2. Location of Project

Primary location - 11015 Reichold Road, Gulfport, MS 39503

3. Requesting Organization:

Harrison County Development Commission

4. Requesting Agency Representative

a. Name:

Bill Lavers

b. Phone:

228-896-5020

d. Email:

blavers@mscoast.org

c. Address:

12281 Intraplex Parkway

Gulfport Mississippi

5. Funding Requested:

\$1950000

6. Have any other State or Federal funding sources been identified for the project?

No

7. If yes, enter amount and source of additional funds:

\$

Source of Additional Funds:

8. Total Project Funds

\$1950000



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9. Provide Brief Project Description/Overview:

The Dredge will provide Harrison County with a versatile tool for maintaining safe navigation channels, protecting marine infrastructure, and supporting environmental management. Beyond its role in sustaining Bernard Bayou Seaway operations, the dredge will serve as a shared coastal asset—addressing shallow-draft maintenance requirements along the Gulf Coast. As the only equipment of its kind in the local area, it will strengthen resiliency, reduce long-term maintenance costs, and deliver broad economic and environmental benefits across multiple municipalities.

Specifications: 6.5M excavation depth; 375HP motor at 2100 RPM; horizontal cutter suction dredger head; conical cutter suction dredger head; standard bucket 500L; flexible discharge pipe (250mm x 2 meters) and spray pipe; set of side pontoon; dredging lights; air conditioning system

The acquisition of an Aluminum Boat will strengthen the Bernard Bayou Seaway's operational landscape by enabling efficient inspections, preventative and corrective maintenance, and hurricane response. The asset directly supports coastal resilience by safeguarding marine infrastructure, protecting economic activity tied to the Seaway, and enhancing public safety. By strengthening preparedness and sustaining vital waterways, the project advances long-term environmental stewardship and community resilience.

Specifications: 24'x84"; 140HP motor; center console with grab bar, aluminum trailer

10. LIST Project Goals/Objectives:

1. Maintain Safe Navigation - Ensure reliable access to waterways by removing sediment and maintaining channels for operational use.
2. Strengthen Coastal Resilience - Protect shorelines and infrastructure from erosion, flooding, and storm surge impacts.
3. Enhance Environmental Protection - Restore marine habitats, improve water quality, and support fish and wildlife resources.
4. Enable Regional Support - Provide the only dredge of its kind on the Gulf Coast, available for shared municipal and emergency use. Additionally, have access to emergency response transportation within the Seaway.
5. Improve Efficiency - Reduce reliance on contractors, while delivering a versatile dredging solution and an efficient vehicle for inspections and response.

11. Which of the following authorized uses set forth in the GOMESA Act does this project fall under? Explain SPECIFICALLY and in detail how the project meets the required criteria. Check all that apply - At least one must be checked.

(A) Projects and activities for the purposes of coastal protection, including conservation, coastal restoration, hurricane protection, and infrastructure directly affected by coastal wetland losses

The Bernard Bayou Seaway Dredge and Boat will directly support coastal protection and resilience initiatives by maintaining navigable waterways and stabilizing coastal infrastructure. The dredge's shallow-draft capabilities make it operationally suited for restoration projects, such as rebuilding channels, removing sediment blockages, and maintaining natural storm barriers. The aluminum boat's mobility allows for safe and efficient access to areas impacted by erosion, sedimentation or



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storm damage - ensuring timely assessment and maintenance of coastal infrastructure.

(B) Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, or natural resources.

The assets will play a critical role in mitigating damage to fish, wildlife, and natural resources by restoring and maintaining healthy aquatic habitats. The dredge's precision and shallow-draft design allows for targeted sediment removal that improves water flow, reduces stagnation, and prevents harmful algae growth. The aluminum boat will strengthen DMR priorities by enabling inspections, monitoring, and enforcement that protect fish, wildlife, and natural resources. It provides rapid response to spills, debris, and storm impacts, ensuring compliance with conservation standards and reducing ecological disruption. This asset directly supports sustainable coastal management and long-term protection of Mississippi's marine resources.

(C) Implementation of a federally-approved marine, coastal, or conservation management plan

(D) Mitigation of the impact of Outer Continental Shelf activities through funding of onshore infrastructure projects.



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12. Project Timetable/Milestones:

Solicitation: Within 1 month of award
Acquisition: Within 3 months of solicitation
Delivery: Within 3 months of acquisition
Date-In Service: Within 1 month of delivery

13. Project Timing

Short-term (3 year or less)



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APPLICATION SUMMARY QUESTIONNAIRE

14. Current status of architectural/engineering plans & specifications for this project (if applicable):

Group 1:

Completed

Group 2:

Paid for

15. In what way does this project meet the goals and objectives of the Department of Marine Resources, which includes enhancing, protecting and conserving the marine interest of Mississippi for present and future generations.?

The Bayou Bernard Seaway dredge and boat advance the Department of Marine Resources' mission by providing versatile tools to enhance, protect, and conserve Mississippi's marine interests for present and future generations. The dredge offers an efficient solution for maintaining navigation channels, restoring wetlands, and stabilizing shorelines, directly supporting coastal protection, habitat conservation, and storm resilience. Complementing this effort, the aluminum boat enables routine inspections, monitoring, and maintenance of waterways and infrastructure, as well as rapid response to hurricanes and other emergencies. Together, these assets improve water quality, safeguard fish and wildlife habitats, and protect critical infrastructure, ensuring Mississippi's marine resources remain resilient, productive, and accessible while expanding regional capacity to meet both environmental and economic challenges.

16. Estimated number of years to completion:

1

17. Estimated Completion Date:

8 months from award

18. Prioritize if your agency has submitted multiple projects:

1



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BUDGET

Category	Total
Salaries	
Travel	
Architecture & Engineering	
Legal	
Consulting	
Construction	
Site Work	
Equipment	1950000
Indirects	
Other	
Total	1950000

Attachments

1. hcdc-srt-site-reichold-rd.pdf

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that all information contained in this application packet is true and correct. I have not knowingly or intentionally provided any false information. I understand that a false statement on this application may be grounds for rejection of my application or termination of the award. In addition, a false statement may be punishable under applicable state or federal laws, which may also result in a fine and/or imprisonment.

I certify that the above referenced agency / entity has given me the authority to submit this application.

Name

Phone

Date

Bill Lavers

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09/24/2025



SRT Site - Reichold Rd

Harrison County
05/24/2024

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