

April 11, 2016

Glenn W. Laird
Environmental Chief
Harris County Flood Control District
9900 Northwest Freeway
Houston, TX 77092

RE: Solicitation No. 582-16-62136

Dear Mr. Laird:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce I am writing to you regarding the proposed Middle Armand Bayou Project. As I understand, the first phase of the Middle Armand Bayou Project includes the acquisition of about 600 acres along Armand Bayou between Bay Area Boulevard and Fairmont Parkway in southeastern Harris County. Also, that attainment of this land, which contains sensitive habitats, will contribute to the hydrologically and ecologically health of Galveston Bay.

I am aware that the passage of the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economics of the Gulf Coast States Act (RESTORE Act) created the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund provides funding intended to restore and protect ecosystem and economy of the Gulf Coast. Also that the Harris Country Flood Control District is leading a partnership focused on developing a project that is environmentally important for our community and region.

Our Chamber's utmost priority is the economic health and well being of our community. I feel that the Middle Armand Bayou Project aligns with our priorities by providing employment opportunities, community resilience through ecological services and recreational and tourism benefits. In other words, this project will make an overall investment into the Clear Lake Area and our community will reap the benefits for years to come.

The mission of the Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce is to promote business growth, educational excellence, and community partnerships which fostering overall vitality and quality of life throughout Clear Lake Bay Area Houston. As the Middle Armand Bayou Project speaks directly to the mission and vision of the Chamber for our community the Board of Directors of the Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce gives our support to the proposed Middle Armand Bayou Project and requests that grant funding for the project be provided through the RESTORE Act.

Thank you for your efforts in making the Clear Lake Bay Area Houston region a prosperous and vibrant community.

Sincerely

Cindy Harreld- DeWease, President and CEO