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Coastal Impact Assistance Program Allocation Amounts Now Available

Six States to Share in Nearly \$250 Million Annually

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of the Interior’s Minerals Management Service (MMS) today announced in the *Federal Register* the availability of individual Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) allocation amounts for fiscal years 2007 and 2008. The amounts are what is available for approved uses by eligible states and coastal political subdivisions (CPSs). There are six eligible Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas producing states-- Alabama, Alaska, California, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas—each with eligible CPSs, which are counties, parishes, or boroughs.

“MMS is making these amounts known to the CIAP states and Coastal Political Subdivisions so they can better plan for the qualifying projects and activities that will benefit coastal areas.” MMS Director Johnnie Burton said. “MMS, as part of our mission, takes seriously the need for coastal restoration. To that end, we will be reviewing the state’s plans and proposals carefully to ensure that the funds are applied appropriately.” The CIAP funds will be awarded through a grant process.

With today’s announcement, MMS will now begin accepting state CIAP plans for review and approval, which is required before states can apply for funding. Although not required, states are encouraged to submit a draft plan, which enables MMS and states to identify and address concerns and issues prior to the submittal of the state’s final plan. A final plan for at least the first year’s funds must be submitted to MMS for approval not later than July 1, 2008.

The CIAP was established under section 384 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and authorizes the Secretary of the Interior, through MMS, to distribute \$250 million annually to Alabama, Alaska, California, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas in fiscal years 2007 through 2010. In the February 16, 2007 Continuing Resolution, Congress approved a 3 percent appropriation of the CIAP funds to be used by MMS to administer the CIAP program.

CIAP funds are allocated to each producing state and eligible CPS based upon allocation formulas prescribed by the Act. Each eligible State is allocated its share based on the State’s Qualified Outer Continental Shelf Revenue (QOCSR) generated off of its coast in proportion to total QOCSR generated off the coasts of all eligible States.

CIAP Fiscal Year 2007 and Fiscal Year 2008 Allocations

<u>Producing State</u> <u>CPSs</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Total Allocation</u>	<u>Direct to States</u>	<u>Direct to</u>
Alabama 8,943,062.46	10.54%	\$ 25,551,607.04	\$ 16,608,544.58	\$
Alaska 848,750.00	1.00%	2,425,000.00	1,576,250.00	
California	3.07%	7,444,441.75	4,838,887.13	

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Louisiana 44,641,764.50	52.60%	127,547,898.57	82,906,134.07
Mississippi 10,828,947.69	12.76%	30,939,850.55	20,110,902.86
<u>Texas</u> <u>17,006,920.73</u>	<u>20.04%</u>	<u>48,591,202.09</u>	<u>31,584,281.36</u>
Total to all 6 States	100.00%	\$242,500,000.00	\$157,625,000.00 \$84,875,000.00

The Energy Policy Act requires that all CIAP funding be used for projects and activities for the conservation, protection, or restoration of coastal areas, including wetlands; mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, or natural resources; planning assistance and the administrative costs of complying with CIAP legislation; implementation of a federally-approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plan; or mitigation of the impact of OCS activities through funding of onshore infrastructure projects and public service needs.

Once state CIAP plans are approved by MMS, CIAP recipients may submit grant applications for projects included in the plan. MMS will begin accepting grant applications in mid-October 2007. All funds will be disbursed through a grant process.

More information on the CIAP program is available at our website, including a more specific breakdown of allocations by all six States and 67 CPSs.