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BOEMRE Awards \$3.7 Million for Alabama Facility

Grant Will Fund Improvements to Gulf Shores Marine Resources Center

NEW ORLEANS – The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) announced today that it has awarded a \$3,725,000 Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) grant to the state of Alabama. The grant is an amendment to an earlier award and will fund additional expenses required for improvements to the Marine Resources Facilities at the Claude Peteet Mariculture Center in Gulf Shores, Ala.

Created by the Energy Policy Act of 2005, CIAP provides funding to the six Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas producing states to conserve and protect the coastal environment. CIAP is an ongoing program with grant funding that is allocated based on the offshore energy revenues collected by the United States.

“CIAP grants provide enormous and valuable assistance to states and communities along the Gulf Coast,” said BOEMRE Director Michael R. Bromwich. “Initiatives such as the improvements to the Marine Resources Facilities are extremely important in advancing coastal conservation and environmental protection efforts now and in the future.”

The grant will provide for additional funds requested to cover extra engineering costs, construction management services, and construction costs of the boat basin at the Claude Peteet Mariculture Center. It will fund the construction of the Center’s Marine Resources Laboratory and Office facility as well.

CIAP received \$250 million in appropriated funds for each of the Fiscal Years 2007-2010, to be disbursed to six eligible OCS oil and gas producing states: Alabama, Alaska, California, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

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