



City of Gulfport, Mississippi

Agenda City Council

2309 15th Street
Gulfport, MS 39501

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

4:30 PM

*Gulfport City Hall
Council Chambers*

4:30 P.M.

Declaration of Special Call Meeting

Policy Issues

- 1 Resolution - approving Contract for services among the City of Gulfport, the University of Southern Mississippi, and SeaAhead, Inc., authorizing the execution of the same by the Mayor on behalf of the City of Gulfport, and for related purposes.
- 2 Resolution - authorizing the Mayor, the City Engineer and other necessary Officials of the City Authority to submit application to the Mississippi Development Authority seeking Grant Funding pursuant to the Mississippi Gulf Coast Restoration Fund Grant Program authorized under Miss. Code Ann. § 57-119-1, et seq., to support Projects within the Jurisdiction of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, and for related purposes.
- 3 Resolution - authorizing an expenditure for advertising and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City of Gulfport at the 2019 Oceans in Action Event, and for related purposes.
- 4 Resolution - approving public display of fireworks as a part of the Grand Opening Ceremonies for Centennial Plaza, and for related purposes.

Executive Session

- 5 Discussion - Ambulance Services Contract.

Setting of Next Meeting and Adjournment

There came on for consideration at a duly constituted meeting of the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, held on the ____ day of _____, 2019, the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION BY THE GULFPORT CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE CONTRACT FOR SERVICES AMONG THE CITY OF GULFPORT, THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI, AND SEAAHEAD, INC., TO AUTHORIZE THE EXEUTION OF THE SAME BY THE MAYOR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GULFPORT, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the City of Gulfport (“the City”) and the University of Southern Mississippi (“USM”) desire to partner to develop a plan for the creation of a Blue Economy Innovation District in or near downtown Gulfport and, in furtherance thereof, the City and USM proposed to contract with SeaAhead, Inc., for the preparation of said plan; and

WHEREAS, USM issued a request for proposals from entities qualified to prepare the plan, and, in conjunction with the City and in accord with relevant Mississippi state law, selected SeaAhead, Inc., as the winning proposal and negotiated a proposed Services Contract which, along with Appendix A and Addendum #1 thereto, is attached hereto as Exhibit “A” to this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority of the City of Gulfport is of the opinion that the City of Gulfport benefits from entry into the said Services Contract, and that the City will benefit from the cost share noted in Addendum #1 thereto which requires that the City contribute \$25,000.00 of the total contract cost and USM contribute up to \$100,000.00 of the total contract cost.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:

Section 1. That the matters, facts and things recited in the Preamble hereto are hereby adopted as the official findings of the Governing Authority.

Section 2. That the proposed Services Contract between the City of Gulfport, the University of Southern Mississippi, and SeaAhead, Inc., in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit “A” be and the same is hereby approved and the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the same on behalf of the City of Gulfport.

The above and foregoing Resolution, after having been first reduced to writing and read by the Clerk, was introduced by _____, seconded by _____, and was adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES

NAYS

ABSENT

WHEREUPON, the President declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted this the _____ day of _____, 2019.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

ADOPTED:

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

PRESIDENT

The above and foregoing Resolution was submitted to and approved by the Mayor, this the _____ day of _____, 2019.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI SERVICES CONTRACT

This Agreement is between SeaAhead, Inc., hereinafter referred to as “Contractor”, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its corporate address being 50 Milk Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 02109, the University of Southern Mississippi, a governmental entity of the State of Mississippi, hereinafter referred to as “USM”, with its address at 118 College Drive, Box #5191, Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39406 for and on behalf of its Trent Lott National Center (hereinafter “TLNC”), and the City of Gulfport, a municipal corporation created under the laws of the State of Mississippi, hereinafter referred to as “City”, with its address at 2309 15th Street, Gulfport, Mississippi 39501. Contractor, USM and City are collectively referred to as the “parties.”

WHEREAS, Contractor desires to provide certain, specific services to USM.

WHEREAS, USM is willing to pay for those services.

WHEREAS, this Agreement was negotiated, made, and entered into by the parties hereto pursuant to a request for proposals procedure conducted by University in accordance with relevant Mississippi state law, all as more fully described in University’s RFP #19-26 dated April 6, 2019 for a Blue Economy Innovation District (BEID) in Gulfport, MS.

This agreement shall become effective upon final signature below. The term of this agreement shall be for approximately 18 weeks from the effective date of this agreement at which time this agreement shall automatically expire. However, upon mutual written agreement of both parties, if an extension is executed by both parties at least 10 days prior to the termination of this agreement, then this agreement may be renewed under these same terms. Any revisions to original terms shall be stated via written amendment.

Therefore, the parties hereby agree as follows:

- A. Both parties agree to all terms and conditions set forth in Standard Terms and Conditions below, with the exception of any exceptions, additions, alterations, or revisions set forth in Exceptions to the University of Southern Mississippi Standard Terms and Conditions below.
- B. Contractor shall provide the following services summarized here, but described in greater detail in Appendix A:
 - 1. Develop an overarching narrative vision for the BEID
 - 2. BEID Design Concepts
 - 3. Develop an overarching understanding of how the region’s blue economy ecosystem sets the context for the BEID and may benefit from it

4. Refrain from using USM's name, work mark, or other university identifier.
 5. Refrain from using the name or title of any USM official.
 6. Refrain from projecting their product, or the work entailed therewith, as being approved by or otherwise endorsed by USM, its entities or officials.
- C. For the services set forth herein, USM will pay Contractor as follows:
1. The cost for the professional services shall be \$100,000. This will be payable within 30 days of completion of the following milestones:
 - a) Conclusion of the Initial Gulfport BEID Visit and Draft Report from Visit: \$20,000
 - b) Reconnaissance and Narrative Discussion: \$20,000
 - c) Concept Design: \$30,000
 - d) Implementation and Next Steps: \$30,000
 - e) Cost of travel not to exceed \$25,000, to be billed at direct cost. This will include the total cost of round trip travel from origin of the trip from the home base of team members, and hotel and meals, and any regional travel not provided for by the USM team.
 2. The timing of payment is set forth in Standard Terms and Conditions, Section A. Any payment not made within 45 days is subject to late fees and/or interest not to exceed 18% per annually.
- D. Notices
- All notices required or permitted to be given under this agreement must be in writing and personally delivered or sent by electronic means provided that the original of such notice is sent by certified U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, to the persons at the address shown below. The parties agree to notify the other in writing of any change of address.

For Contractor:
Mark Huang
Co-Founder & Managing Director
SeaAhead, Inc.
50 Milk Street
Boston, MA 02109

For USM:
Andy Kilgore
Trent Lott National Center
118 College Dr, #5191
Hattiesburg, MS 39406

For City:
Billy Hewes
Mayor
City of Gulfport
2309 15th Street
Gulfport, MS 39502

STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- A. Payment
USM shall pay Contractor within 45 days of receipt of each invoice received from Contractor upon review and confirmation by USM that such payments and all portions thereof are due, justified and warranted based on services received by USM in accordance with §31-7-305(2), Mississippi Code of 1972.
- B. Availability of Funds
It is expressly understood and agreed that the obligation of USM to proceed under this agreement is conditioned upon the availability and receipt of funds by USM to specifically perform the obligations set forth for USM under this agreement.
- C. Representation Regarding Contingent Fees and Gratuities
Contractor represents that it has not retained a person to solicit or secure a state contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee. Further, Contractor represents that it has not violated, is not violating, and promises that it will not violate the prohibition against gratuities set forth in state law.
- D. Equal Employment Opportunity
Contractor represents and understands that USM is an equal opportunity employer and therefore maintains a policy that prohibits unlawful discrimination. Contractor agrees that during the term of this agreement that Contractor will strictly adhere to this policy in its employment practices and the provisions of its services.
- E. Assignment Prohibition
Contractor agrees that it shall not attempt to nor shall it assign this agreement to any party and that any attempt to do so shall be void.
- F. Authority to Contract
Contractor warrants (a) that it is a validly organized business with valid authority to enter into this agreement; (b) that it is qualified to do business and is in good standing in the State of Mississippi; (c) that entry into and performance under this agreement is not restricted or prohibited by any loan, security, financing, contractual, or other agreement of any kind, and (d) notwithstanding any other provisions of this agreement to the contrary, that there are no existing legal proceedings or prospective legal proceedings, either voluntary or otherwise, which may adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this agreement.
- G. Failure to Enforce
The failure by USM at any time to enforce the provisions of this agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any such provision. Such failure to enforce shall not affect the validity of the contract or any part thereof or the right for USM to enforce the provisions at any time in accordance with the terms.
- H. Contractor-Independent Contractor
Contractor shall at all times be regarded as and shall be legally considered an independent contractor and neither Contractor nor its employees shall, under any circumstances, be considered servants, agents or employees of USM, and USM shall at no time be legally responsible for any negligence or other

wrongdoing by Contractor, its partners, principals, officers, agents, employees or representatives. USM shall not be responsible for any federal and state unemployment tax, federal or state income taxes, Social Security taxes, or any other amounts for the benefit of Contractor or any of its partners, principals, officers, agents, employees or representatives. USM shall not provide to Contractor, its partners, principals, officers, agents, employees or representatives any insurance coverage or other benefits, including, but not limited to, Worker's Compensation, which are normally provided by USM to its employees. Contractor's personnel shall not be deemed in any way, directly, indirectly, expressly or by implication, to be employees of USM. Nothing contained in this agreement or otherwise shall be deemed or construed as creating the relationship of principal and agent, partners, co-venturers, or any similar relationship between USM and the Contractor. At no time shall Contractor be authorized to do so and at no time shall Contractor act as an agent for or of USM.

I. Indemnification and Insurance

Contractor and its officers shall indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless, protect, and exonerate the State of Mississippi, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, USM, and each of their officers, agents, employees, and representatives, both in their official and in their individual capacities, from and against all claims, demands, liabilities, suits, actions, damages, losses and costs of every kind and nature whatsoever, including, without limitation, court costs, investigative fees and expenses and attorney's fees, arising out of or caused by Contractor and its' partners, principals, officers, agents, employees or representatives related to actions or inactions of Contractor, its partners, principals, officers, agents, employees and representatives. In USM's sole discretion, Contractor may be allowed to control the defense of any such claim, suit, etc., but in such event, Contractor shall use legal counsel acceptable to USM. Contractor shall be solely responsible for all costs and/or expenses associated with such defense and USM shall be entitled to participate in said defense. Contractor shall not settle any claim, suits, etc., without USM's written concurrence, which concurrence USM shall not unreasonably withhold.

Contractor, at its expense, agrees to procure and maintain insurance during the term as follows:

Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability: Standard limits as required by applicable Worker's Compensation Laws.

Comprehensive General Liability:

- General Aggregate - \$1,000,000
- Personal & Adv Injury - \$1,000,000
- Each Occurrence - \$500,000
- Fire Damage (any one fire) - \$1,000,000
- Medical Expense (any one person) - \$5,000

- Automobile Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability - \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit

Errors and Omissions Liability: If required, Contractor shall maintain Errors and Omissions Liability Insurance in an amount of not less than \$1,000,000 per claim covering claims or damages because of injury or damages arising out of any act, error, or omission of Contractor in the rendering of professional services.

The Contractor shall provide a Certificate of Coverage to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, Office of Insurance & Risk Management, 3825 Ridgewood Road, Suite 429, Jackson, MS, 39211 and USM, Steve Ballew, 118 College Dr., #5003, Hattiesburg, MS 39406 prior to the start of services. The Certificate of Coverage should, at a minimum, contain the name of the carrier, effective and expiration dates of coverage, a description of the covered perils, amount of coverage by peril, the name and mailing address of the insurance company, and the name and mailing address of the insurance agent. **The Certificate of Coverage must name the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and USM as an additional insured.**

J. Attorney's Fees and Expenses

Contractor agrees that in the event Contractor defaults in any obligations under this agreement that Contractor shall pay to USM all costs and expenses, including but not limited to, attorney's fees incurred by USM in enforcing this agreement.

K. Patents and Copyrights

Contractor covenants to save, defend, keep harmless, and indemnify the State of Mississippi, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, USM, and each of their officers, agents, employees, and representatives, both in their official and in their individual capacities, from and against all claims, losses, damages, injury, fines, penalties, and costs, including court costs and attorney's fees, charges, and other liability and exposure however caused for or on account of any copyright or patent infringement that may result from activities related to this agreement and the actions/inactions hereunder by the parties. This indemnification is not separate from that set forth elsewhere in this agreement and is not a limitation thereon, but instead is in conjunction therewith and is recited to ensure that the full breadth of the indemnification provisions contained elsewhere in this agreement are understood by the parties.

L. Disputes

Contractor agrees that any and all disputes between the parties to this agreement must be submitted to the USM Vice President for Finance and Administration for consideration and a final decision. If Contractor is dissatisfied with that final decision, the dispute may, at the option of USM, be subjected to resolution by mediation prior to any action being taken by Contractor toward litigation.

- M. Modifications to Agreement
This Agreement represents the entire understanding between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and this Agreement supersedes all previous representations, understandings or agreements, oral or written, between the parties with respect to the subject matter and cannot be modified except by a written instrument signed by the parties. All attached schedules and exhibits are hereby incorporated by reference to this Agreement.
- N. Ownership of Documents and Work Papers
USM shall own all documents, files, reports, work papers and working documents, electronic or otherwise, created by Contractor in connection with this agreement.
- O. Severability
If any part of this agreement is declared to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of the agreement, and to that end the provisions hereof are severable. In such event, the parties shall amend the agreement as necessary to reflect the original intent of the parties and to bring any invalid or unenforceable provisions in compliance with applicable law.
- P. Termination for Convenience
USM may, when the interests of USM so require, terminate this agreement in whole or in part for convenience of USM. Written notice of the same is required to be provided by USM and shall allow no less than ten (10) days' notice prior to the effective date of termination.
- Q. Termination for Cause
Either party may terminate this agreement immediately upon issuance of written notice if the other party fails to perform the obligations to the other party under this agreement. The party issuing such a termination notice may allow 30 days within which the other party may attempt to cure the failure to fulfill its obligations, but such 30 day cure time is not required.
- R. Inspection of Books and Records
USM shall have the right to inspect and audit the books and records of Contractor at reasonable times and places. Such books and records shall be retained and maintained by Contractor for a minimum of three years following the termination or the expiration of this agreement.
- S. Applicable Law
This contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Mississippi, excluding its conflicts of law provisions, and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the courts of this state. Contractor shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. If a court determines that any provision of this contract is not enforceable against USM, the Contractor agrees that the individual signing this agreement on behalf of USM is not personally responsible or liable for any of the obligations and duties contained herein.
- T. Venue
Each of the parties hereto hereby irrevocably and unconditionally consent to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the state courts of Forrest County,

Mississippi, with respect to any litigation arising out of, or related to, this agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby (and agrees not to commence any litigation relating thereto except in such courts). Each of the parties hereto irrevocably and unconditionally waives any objection to the laying of venue of any litigation arising out of this agreement of the transactions contemplated hereby, in the state courts of Forrest County, Mississippi, and hereby further irrevocably and unconditionally waives and agrees not to plead or claim in any such court that any such litigation brought in any such court has been brought in an inconvenient forum.

U. E-Verify

Contractor represents and warrants that it will ensure its compliance with the Mississippi Employment Protection Act, Section 71-11-1, *et seq* of the Mississippi Code Annotated, and will register and participate in the status verification system for all newly hired employees. The term “employee” as used herein means any person that is hired to perform work within the State of Mississippi. As used herein, “status verification system” means the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996 that is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, also known as the E-Verify Program, or any other successor electronic verification system replacing the E-Verify Program. Contractor agrees to maintain records of such compliance and, upon request of the State and approval of the Social Security Administration or Department of Homeland Security, where required, to provide a copy of each such verification to the State. Contractor further represents and warrants that any person assigned to perform services hereunder meets the employment eligibility requirements of all immigration laws of the State of Mississippi. Contractor understands and agrees that any breach of these warranties may subject Contractor to the following: (a) termination of this Agreement and ineligibility for any state or public contract in Mississippi for up to three (3) years, with notice of such cancellation/termination being made public, or (b) the loss of any license, permit, certification or other document granted to Contractor by an agency, department or governmental entity for the right to do business in Mississippi for up to one (1) year, or (c) both. In the event of such termination/cancellation, Contractor would also be liable for any additional costs incurred by the State due to contract cancellation or loss of License or Permit. The foregoing is applicable only if Contractor has employees physically in Mississippi.

V. Force Majeure

Neither Party shall be deemed in default or otherwise liable hereunder due to its inability to perform by reason of any fire, earthquake, flood, epidemic, accident, explosion, casualty, strike, lockout, labor controversy, riot, civil disturbance, act of public enemy, embargo, war, act of God, or similar causes beyond the party's control. Any delay in performance shall be no greater than the event of force majeure causing the delay. If an event of force majeure continues uninterrupted for a period exceeding six (6) calendar months, either party may elect to terminate this Agreement upon notice to the other, but such

right of termination, if not exercised, shall expire immediately upon the discontinuance of the event of force majeure.

Exceptions to University of Southern Mississippi Standard Terms and Conditions

Any exceptions, additions, alterations or revisions to the University of Southern Mississippi Standard Terms and Conditions shall be listed herein and shall become a binding part of the contract upon approval and signature by both parties. If there are no exceptions, “NO EXCEPTIONS” should be typed after “A.” Failure to add “NO EXCEPTIONS” will render it not applicable and the entire University of Southern Mississippi Standard Terms and Conditions will be considered to be in force.

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE PARTIES HAVE EXECUTED THIS AGREEMENT ON THE DATES SHOWN BELOW.

SEAAHEAD, INC.	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI
Mark Huang / Date	Steve Ballew / Date
Co-Founder & Managing Director	Director of Procurement & Contract Services

CITY OF GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

Billy Hewes / Date
Mayor

A P P E N D I X A

Negotiated Scope of Work and Schedule

Strategies and Implementation Steps for the Physical and Programmatic Development of the Gulfport, Mississippi Blue Economy Innovation District

July 16, 2019

SeaAhead, Inc. Contact: Mark Huang 917.684.5657 mark.huang@sea-ahead.com

The focus of our work will be to identify and recommend physical and programmatic elements for launching and guiding future development of an innovation district in downtown Gulfport for the benefit of research, education, technology development and deployment, business opportunities, and education related to the blue economy. This Blue Economy Innovation District (BEID) will be a focal node in the region's blue economy ecosystem.

Much groundwork has already started. Our work will bring it all together and build upon it to provide a coherent strategy that will give Gulfport the opportunity to attract and proactively promote the interests of entrepreneurs, innovative companies, and organizations interested in formal and informal interactions throughout different lifecycle stages of product and business development.

Necessary to ensure the relevancy and action-orientation of our findings and recommendations, our work will be pursued with an understanding of the Gulfport region's blue economy ecosystem as it is now and may possibly develop.

Scope of Work

(1) An overarching narrative vision for the BEID.

A narrative -a storyline- will be prepared to describe fundamental visions of the BEID's intent. This gives the project the basic scope and direction that provides continuity over time and serves as a north star during inevitable achievements and disappointments, changes in the economic and political context, and technology and industry disruptions.

We, *with stakeholders*, will create this narrative by weaving together broad aspirations and visions of multiple parties about how things are now, and how they want them to be in the future, blended into a cohesive story that can be shared with the broader community.

(2) BEID Design Concepts

The Portfolio of Physical Places for the BEID

Our frame of reference for the physical design of the BEID will be the *2018 Downtown Gulfport Master Plan*.

Our work will address six elements:

1. The fit of blue economy-related functions into the intent and fabric of the 2018 Downtown Gulfport Master Plan.
2. Anchors and magnets for the area that provide a sense of presence and legitimacy for the BEID and draw in others to be near them. These might include the USM buildings already in the downtown, a research center of a corporation, or a special large-scale maker/testing center that is open for use by many parties.
3. The *portfolio of places* required supporting the objectives and function of the BEID. These will include places within the district itself or along the nearby waterfront, ranging from maker-spaces to office spaces. Some of these will be for planned uses to serve a foreseeable future, others will be agile, flex spaces for use as unforeseen needs and opportunities arise.

The portfolio of places will include facilities and related services and amenities within the BEID to support both the needs of the entrepreneurial community to learn and acquire skills, incubate ideas and start new firms and the needs of existing corporations that have already expressed interest in being a part of the region's blue economy or might be attracted to the area if these existed.

4. An analysis of facility procurement options, including traditional renting and ownership; sharing with other parties (within the region as well as the downtown district); use of spaces owned by other parties, pop-up facilities and non-traditional buildings like tensile strengthen tents or other temporary structures.
5. Concepts for the urban design of the district in a way that supports its function. This will refer to adjacencies, the connective tissue of the place, the sense of entering and belonging, and the public places that support and make apparent the spirit of the place.
6. The sequencing for creating initial facilities and public services and attributes, with emphasis on what must be executed in the short-term and strategies for further development.

Programs

A successful innovation district is as much a culture as a place with multiple facilities. This culture is shaped, in part, from collective creating and business activities that goes on within the district, but is also nurtured by programs that inspire, inform and bring together people in ways that spark ideas and leaps across

interests and discipline. It is also nurtured by programs that educate and spark innovation in the next generation of the work force as well as up-grade the skills of the existing workforce to be successful in a transforming economy, driven by new business models and technology.

During this project, we will suggest events for the BEID launching year, which might range from hackathons, innovation sandbox events, educational sessions, or crowd-sourcing ideations among people housed in the district and beyond. Programs will be considered for both youthful and older entrepreneurs, for established and start-up enterprises. The number of events and their specific design will be determined during the planning period.

Launch

Our early analysis will look for kernels of current action or ideas that can be used to create early markers of the BEID narrative and we will identify opportunities for quick launch. Possibilities might be: creating an incubation or maker space in an existing building, even before a bespoke facility can be constructed; periodic social events among like-minded entrepreneurs; hackathon programs or problem-solving charrettes engaging students, independent entrepreneurs and major organizations; BEID stakeholder workshops with leaders from blue economy clusters around the world.

Future Proof

From the moment of launch, it is probable that the context for the BEID will change – through evolution of the network, economic and industry transformations if not disruptions and even the success of the district that, in turn, might trigger new real estate demands in the hosting area. A future cannot be guaranteed but elements can be put in place to achieve a degree of future proofing. Our work will craft a strategy for this, considering such tactics as leasing and property options, investment in key properties that may be used for a variety of income producing purposes while held in reserve; and guidelines that require new office developments used for purposes beyond incubation and start-up to reserve a certain percentage of the building for occupancy related to larger Blue Enterprises.

Funding and Investment Opportunities

A number of sources are already funding blue economy activities within the region. We will review the relevancy of those for the BEID with stakeholders and explore what more might be available from ongoing relationships. We will also discuss new funding models that we have seen in other innovation districts, focusing on different aspects in the economy's life cycle; including possible roles and sources from local corporates, foundations, public sector and venture capital.

Organizing for Success

Gulfport and regional stakeholders are already organized to promote the BEID; and USM is already prepared to oversee the launch in concert with the Governor's Ocean Task Force Plan and Mississippi Defense Initiative Strategic Plan. We will, as appropriate based on what we glean throughout our work, suggest supporting strategies for organizational development.

(3) Develop an overarching understanding of how the region's blue economy ecosystem sets the context for the BEID and may benefit from it.

The BEID arises within, and will be shaped by and contribute to an already established and still evolving blue economy ecosystem within the Gulfport region. Much of this ecosystem and aspirations for its development are described in recently developed studies, plans and white papers.

We will review this material as an early step for our narrative-making and design work. To complement what we learn, we will interview, in one-to-one meetings, in group sessions and through telephone conversations, select representatives of the business, academic, government, city leadership and planning authorities, corporation and research organizations. Our intent is to gain insight into their views about how the BEID will serve their needs and those of others who might now be, or may become participants in the region's ecosystem. Among issues of interest are:

Individual and common facilities that will benefit them and others.

Common services, education programs, networking, advocacy programs to promote economic development, and opportunities for convergent research among organizations and across disciplines.

Incentives for enterprises to locate within the district and perceived obstacles for doing so.

How aspects of the blue economy ecosystem are now or might be underpinned by convergence among sub-sectors of the blue economy and across aspirations and resources of disparate groups with a range of expertise and disciplines.

The short- and long-term incentives and strategies for the launch of BEID that might transform traditional, often-siloed industries and what this implies for the focus and steps for priority attention.

How current capabilities and interests within the region might relate to the sectors of the global blue economy that are poised for growth and investment. This includes for example, aquaculture, offshore wind, sustainable fisheries, combating ocean plastics, coastal resiliency and the greening and digitization of shipping & ports.

How the BEID may play role in the shift of a traditional industry to the 'New Economy'.

How they, or other enterprises associated with the blue economy might co-invent technologies and business opportunities with organizations with a seemingly different business or even scientific focus, such as those related biodegradable products, traditional energy, upstream agriculture and mega challenges like coastal resiliency and pollution.

USM Client Core Team and SeaAhead Working Relationship

The client core team (Core Team) will be Shannon Campbell, Andy Kilgore and Brian Cuevas, assisted by Heather Brown - all of USM, and [TBD] from the City of Gulfport and Laurie Toups from the Gulfport Main Street Association. The senior members of the SeaAhead team are Mark Huang, Michael Joroff and Anthony Townsend.

We anticipate bi-weekly conference calls with the Core Team to discuss the progress of our ongoing discovery and design work. Other conversations will be arranged as needed.

The Core Team will provide us with relevant background documents and guide us to speak with BEID stakeholders and people who are otherwise informed about the Gulfport region's blue economy and the development of downtown Gulfport.

The Core Team will do the logistics required to set-up our meeting for SeaAhead visits in the Gulfport region and will establish a key stakeholder group (Stakeholder Group) with whom we can meet during our periodic visits to Gulfport. These Stakeholder Group meetings with both inform members about benchmark projects and their implications for Gulfport and will be a sounding board to test our ideas and co-invent strategies for the BEID.

We understand that the USM, working with others in the Gulfport region, will be responsible for detailing and implementing strategies that we help to design and are accepted for action by the Core Team and their Gulfport regional colleagues.

We will generally support the Core Team in the organizational development of stakeholders and other parties influential to the successful design and launch of the BEID.

Schedule

The project will be completed over a period of 4 months, approximately 18 weeks. Our experience suggests that this is the time required for analysis, design and co-design with local stakeholders. This scheduled is subject to change if key stakeholders are unable to engage during this period and/or if warranted by now unforeseen circumstances.

Either party can raise the need for this change and rescheduling will be done through mutual agreement.

- Week 1 and 2: Preparation

- Review key written materials

- Conference calls with Core Team and select stakeholders

- Plan and set-up schedule first visit to Gulfport

- Deliverables:

- First view: key issues opportunities discussion note

- Individual and place targets for SeaAhead team week in Gulfport

- Agenda for meeting with Stakeholder Group

- Weeks 3-8: Reconnaissance and Starting to Shape the Narrative

The SeaAhead team the team will visit the Gulfport region for one week of group and individual meetings. We listen, we ask questions, we discuss related benchmark projects as a way to broaden everyone's perspective and to draw out ideas in the local context. As elements of the narrative become apparent, these ideas will help us to probe in following discussion. During this visit we have our first meeting with the Stakeholder Group. We present benchmarks as a way to trigger conversations about aspirations and initial views about the role and potential design of the BEID. We test initial ideas about the BEID narrative.

We have follow-up telephone conversations with stakeholders and engage in discussions with others identified of interest during our visit. We prepare a straw man narrative and preliminary ideas about design concepts for discussion during our next visit to Gulfport.

- Deliverables:

- Update: Key issues and opportunities discussion note

- SeaAhead team in Gulfport

- First Draft: BEID Narrative

- Preliminary Design Concept Opportunities discussion note

- Weeks 9-12: Shaping the Narrative and Concept Design Initiation

The SeaAhead team has its second visit to Gulfport to have follow-up group and individual meetings, engage stakeholders and interested parties in the narrative-making and accepting process, and to start crafting strategies for the innovation

district. Those who participated in the earlier workshop are actively engaged, helping to make the discussion to be one “among us”, not one driven by us. We use tentative ideas about concept design to draw stakeholders into discussion about their views, issues and ideas.

We have a second Stakeholder Group meeting to review our current learning, discuss emerging ideas and shape them with the group.

Although this second visit ends the formal reconnaissance stage, we never stop probing about ‘interests’ and ‘what ifs’.

We follow-up our visit with drafting a narrative statement for the BEID and initial concept design work based on what we have learned to date. We discuss these items through telephone conferences with people previously engaged and with others brought into the network after our second visit.

Deliverables:

SeaAhead team in Gulfport

BEID narrative

Design Concepts discussion paper

Initial suggestions for early launch opportunities discussion paper

• Weeks 12-15: Concept Design

SeaAhead team makes its third visit to Gulfport.

We meet with individual stakeholders and informed parties to develop concept designs and explore implementation strategies. We also meet with individual stakeholders and informed parties to do preliminary design of early launch opportunities. The results of our explorations are discussed with the Stakeholder Group.

We have follow-up telephone and e-mail conversations about the above with key stakeholders and informed parties.

Deliverables:

SeaAhead team in Gulfport

Design Concept recommendations discussion paper

Opportunities for early launch recommendations discussion paper

Discussion paper about how emerging design concepts and early launch opportunities fit the near- and long-term growth opportunities

for the overall growth of the blue economy ecosystem in the Gulfport region

- Weeks 16-18: Implementation Planning and Next Steps

SeaAhead team makes fourth visit to Gulfport.

Presentation and discussion with key stakeholders and Stakeholder Group about design concept recommendations and early launch recommendations, discussed within the context of near- and long-term opportunities for growth of the Gulfport region's overall blue economy ecosystem.

Deliverables:

SeaAhead team in Gulfport

Final report of narrative and design recommendations: approximately 25 pages

Powerpoint deck: approximately 25 slides

Follow-up telephone conversations with Core Team

Budget

Our cost for the professional services is \$100,000. This will be payable within 30 days of completion of the following milestones.

- (1) Conclusion of the Initial Gulfport BEID Visit and Draft Report from Visit: \$20,000
- (2) Reconnaissance and Narrative Discussion: \$20,000
- (3) Concept Design: \$30,000
- (4) Implementation and Next Steps: \$30,000

Our cost for travel is up to \$25,000, to be billed at direct cost. This will include the total cost of r/t travel from origin of the trip from the home base of team members, hotel and meals, and any regional travel not provided for by the USM team. This will be payable within 45 days of invoicing.

ADDENDUM #1: FINANCIAL COST-SHARING BETWEEN USM AND CITY OF GULFPORT
WITH REGARD TO THE
CONTRACT FOR SERVICES SUBSEQUENT TO
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS # 19-26

This Addendum #1 defines a cost-share agreement between The University of Southern Mississippi Trent Lott National Center (USM) and the City of Gulfport (City) to cover mutually agreed upon cost to contract services with Sea Ahead. The contract for services with Sea Ahead was competitively bid through USM's Office of Procurement. Of three bidders, Sea Ahead was selected, and further negotiations were required to align the Scope of Work to contract pricing. USM and City have agreed to share the fee as outlined in this addendum to the RFP.

In addition to the responsibilities outlined in the original MOU, USM and City will contract with Sea Ahead to complete a Blue Economy Innovation District (BEID) Operational Plan for downtown Gulfport, Mississippi. The BEID is referenced in Request for Proposal (RFP) #19-26.

USM will perform specific work outlined in this Addendum as follows:

1. Coordinate conference calls with the Core Team (Andy Kilgore, Shannon Campbell and Brien Cuevas from USM, Rusty Walker from the City of Gulfport and Laurie Touns from the Gulfport Main Street Association and members of the SeaAhead team) to discuss the progress of our ongoing discovery and design work.
2. Provide SeaAhead with relevant supporting information to guide their information gathering efforts with the BEID stakeholders.
3. Manage the BEID project calendar and coordinate SeaAhead in-person meetings in the Gulfport region with key stakeholders.
4. Be responsible for BEID project information dissemination.
5. B responsible for detailing and implementing strategies designed in the BEID effort and are accepted for action by the Core Team and the Gulfport regional colleagues.

City of Gulfport will perform specific work outlined in this Addendum as follows:

Provide financial support needed to secure the contract for services.

Once the City has reviewed and approved the final report inclusive of these amended additions, City will pay USM for work based upon the following costs incurred for rendered services. The Addendum estimates represent the maximum amount to be billed.

- USM will contribute up to \$100,000, pending actual travel expense
- City of Gulfport will contribute \$25,000

Total Project Cost not to exceed \$125,000

Approval to Proceed City:

_____ Date _____
Billy Hewes, Mayor
City of Gulfport

Approval to Proceed USM:

 Date 29 July 2019
Steve Ballew, Director of Procurement &
Contracts
The University of Southern Mississippi

There came on for consideration at a duly constituted meeting of the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, held on the _____ day of _____, 2019, the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION BY THE GULFPORT CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, THE CITY ENGINEER AND OTHER NECESSARY OFFICIALS OF THE CITY AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT APPLICATION TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SEEKING GRANT FUNDING PURSUANT TO THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST RESTORATION FUND GRANT PROGRAM AUTHORIZED UNDER MISS. CODE ANN. § 57-119-1, *ET SEQ.*, TO SUPPORT PROJECTS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, is a municipal corporation chartered under the laws of the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, The Mississippi Gulf Coast Restoration Fund (GCRF) Grant Program was expanded by the Mississippi Legislature during the First Extraordinary Session 2018, Senate Bill No. 2002, is administered by the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA), and is designed for making grants of BP Settlement funds to finance projects to promote economic growth in the Gulf Coast region as defined by the federal RESTORE Act; and

WHEREAS, applications by public entities for funds to support projects for which the RESTORE Act funds are to be used must include projects that meet the following criteria:

- A. Projects that will impact the long-term competitiveness of the region and may result in a significant positive impact on tax base, private sector job creation and private sector investment in the region;
- B. Projects that demonstrate the maximum long-term economic benefits and long-term growth potential of the region based on a financial analysis such as a cost-benefit analysis or a return-on-investment analysis;
- C. Projects that demonstrate long-term financial sustainability, including clear performance metrics, over the duration of the project;
- D. Projects that leverage or encourage leveraging of other private sector, local, state and federal funding sources with preference to projects that can demonstrate contributions from other sources than funds from the BP settlement;
- E. Projects that are supported by multiple government or private sector entities;

- F. Projects that can move quickly and efficiently to the design, engineering, and permitting phase;
- G. Projects that enhance the quality of life/place and business environment of the region, including tourism and recreational opportunities;
- H. Projects that expand the region's ability to attract high-growth industries or establish new high-growth industries in the region;
- I. Projects that leverage or further enhance key regional assets, including educational institutions, research facilities, ports, airports, rails, and military bases;
- J. Projects that are transformational for the future of the region but create a wider regional impact;
- K. Projects that enhance the marketability of existing industrial properties;
- L. Projects that enhance a targeted industry cluster or create a Center of Excellence unique to the region;
- M. Infrastructure projects for business retention and development;
- N. Projects that enhance research and innovative technologies in the region; and
- O. Projects that provide outcome and return on investment measures, to be judged by clear performance metrics, over the duration of the project or program.

WHEREAS, the Gulfport City Council has considered and identified certain projects of great importance to the long term public health and welfare, growth and economic benefit of the City of Gulfport qualifying for funding with Miss. Code Ann. § 57-119-1, et seq. and The Mississippi Gulf Coast Restoration Fund (GCRF) Grant Program, such project(s) being more particularly on the attached Exhibit “A” as qualifying project(s) under one or more of the foregoing and by this means expresses its intention and desire that the Mayor, City Engineer and other City officials be authorized to execute and deliver such grant applications and other documents as are necessary and proper to support such grant application; and

WHEREAS, in support of said Projects, and based on the projected cost of each of said projects provided by the City’s employees, consultants and engineers, the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, does hereby commit to provide funding of twenty percent of the estimated cost of each and all such project(s) as the City's share of the cost of said project to pair and match with any GCRF funds received for the Project(s);

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Governing Authority of the City to authorize and direct the Mayor, City Engineer, and other necessary officials of the City to execute and submit such documents and applications as are required to apply for and obtain such funding through The Mississippi Gulf Coast Restoration Fund (GCRF) Grant Program, administered by the Mississippi Development Authority, all in accordance with law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:

Section 1. That the matters, facts and things recited in the Preamble hereto are hereby adopted as the official findings of the Governing Authority.

Section 2. That the Mayor, City Engineer, and other necessary officials of the City are hereby authorized to execute and submit such documents and applications as are required to apply for and obtain such funding through The Mississippi Gulf Coast Restoration Fund (GCRF) Grant Program, administered by the Mississippi Development Authority, all in accordance with law.

Section 3. That the Governing Authority of the City of Gulfport does hereby commit to provide funding of twenty percent of the estimated cost of each and all such project(s) to pair and match as the Authority's share of the cost of said project(s).

The above and foregoing Resolution, after having been first reduced to writing and read by the Clerk, was introduced by _____, seconded by _____, and was adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES

NAYS

ABSENT

WHEREUPON, the President declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted this the _____ day of _____, 2019.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

ADOPTED:

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

PRESIDENT

The above and foregoing Resolution was submitted to and approved by the Mayor, this
the _____ day of _____, 2019.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

GULFPORT

Gulf Coast Restoration Fund Projects

1. Parking lot @ SE corner of 20th Ave & Hwy 90 – Ward 2 – \$3.5 M

This project involves the construction of surface area parking facility and boat launch just east of Jones Park in Gulfport, MS. The area involved will be in the southeast corner of Highway 90 and 20th Avenue. The first phase will include some 500 parking spaces near Highway 90 and the second phase will include a boat launch on the east side of Marina with boat trailer parking. There will be 2 acres of beach that will be made into a parking area and one-acre further south that will be filled for the boat launch and trailer parking to account for the beach loss a new two-acre beach will be created just east of the south end of 20th Avenue. The facility will include curb and gutter and landscaping commiserate with the area.

2. Pedestrian Bridge @ Centennial Plaza – Ward 2 – \$3 M

This project will provide pedestrian bridge with ADA ramp access from Centennial Plaza across Highway 90 to the boardwalk along the beach.

3. Highway 90 Multimodal Overpass @ Aquarium to Jones Park – Ward 2 – \$6 M match

This request is for the proposed matching funds for the grant received by CTA for the multimodal (pedestrian, tram, and bike) grade separated bridge over Highway 90 connecting the Mississippi Aquarium and Jones Park.

4. 5 Additional Baseball Fields at the Sportsplex – Ward 7 – \$13.5 M

This project will be the next phase of the plan for the Sportsplex that will add 5 additional synthetic turf fields, restrooms, and appurtenances. This project will allow the complex to hold larger regional tournaments that will attract more people to stay in regional hotels, dine at local restaurants, and shopping at area retail.

5. Elevated restaurant & Lease Space @ Old White Cap Location – Ward 2 – \$3.5 M

This project will provide a 2-story elevated pile supported building at the former White Cap location. The building will be approximately 10,000 sq. ft. with approximately 5,000 sq. ft. per story. One floor will be restaurant space while the second floor will be lease space that could divided to fit the use of the tenant(s). This project will bring additional businesses to the Jones Park area and will provide additional jobs from the restaurant and lease space.

6. Brickyard Bayou Phase 2-C Improvements with Tributaries – Ward 1 – \$4 M

Brickyard Bayou is a drainage way that as it improves will benefit the area that it drains. The drainage areas that will be impacted include the Navy Construction Battalion Base in Gulfport, Gulfport Memorial Hospital, Gulfport High School, and the residential properties. Funding request to the Mississippi Military Community Improvement funds will be used to offset the match. This project was identified in the Joint Land Use Study for the military bases of MS Gulf Coast as improvement to protect the base closure and improvement of area. Improvements to drainage not only improve hydraulic but visibility and overall quality of life. In addition to the work on Brickyard Bayou, the City may choose to work up stream to cure some additional drainage concerns in Ward 1.

7. Sidewalk and Bike Path Improvements City Wide – All Wards – \$3.0M

The project will include sidewalks that will connect the existing sidewalks will e consistent with the City's Master Plan that was adopted by the City Council. The project will help promote connectivity for pedestrians within the area and increase quality of life for residents and tourists. Adding sidewalks helps those whom do not have other options of transportation to move safely about their community. A good connectivity of sidewalks also helps promote good health, exercise, and positive environmental impacts.

8. Hwy 90 Beach Front Boardwalk – Ward 2 - \$3.5 M

The project proposes completing the beachfront concrete boardwalks along the south side of Highway 90 in Gulfport, MS. This project will benefit residents and tourists. More than 85% of the nearly 8 miles of shoreline within Gulfport City limits already has an ADA-compliant the concrete boardwalk project in place; aside from pedestrian and bicycle access, this boardwalk offers benches overlooking and stairs leading to Gulfport's beaches. This project would fill in the remaining 4 sections of shoreline (approximately 6,350 linear feet) to complete the boardwalk within Gulfport's city limits. Completion of these unfinished sections would offer safe recreational walking and biking options. It would further serve to promote public pedestrian access to, not only Gulfport's beaches, but also the revitalized downtown Gulfport, Jones Park, and the Gulfport Small Craft Harbor as well as casinos, proposed developments, etc. Finally, this boardwalk will also help eliminate beach erosion and act as a barrier between the beach and Highway 90. This will help reduce sand migration onto the highway, lowering road hazards and decreasing maintenance time and costs. In addition to the boardwalk, beachfront enhancements are proposed that are in line with the current "Gateway" projects already underway within Harrison County. These enhancements may consist of

aesthetic improvements (landscaping, etc.) and recreational improvements such as fire pits, showers, volleyball courts, pavilions, etc.

9. Canal Road Water Improvements – New Elevated Tank, Water Well and Extension – Wards 1 & 3 – \$6.5M

This goal of this project phase is to extend a 12" water main on 28th Street from 59th Avenue to Canal Road & northward along Canal Road to 16th Street. Associated with the 12" water main, a 1,000 gpm water well & a 500,000-gallon elevated water storage tank will be installed along Canal Road. This project will upgrade the City of Gulfport infrastructure along the entire length of this project by providing increased water pressure, more capacity, and improved fire flows. The infrastructure improvements are needed to stimulate economic growth at the interchange of I-10 and Canal Road. These improvements are imperative for ample service for any expansions of the nearby Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) of Gulfport. This project area will also benefit by providing the necessary infrastructure to attract industrial businesses, warehousing, large retail, and recreational amenities which would be an extension of the current facilities located in the proximity.

10. N. Gulfport WWTF Sand Filters Replacement – Ward 5 - \$7.2M

The project would replace current sand filter system with other modern technology required to meet tertiary standards and would increase design capacity of the system by 100%. The current system has reached its useful life and requires replacement. This facility is currently at approximately 85% of its average design capacity. This project will not only replace current system but will provide additional capacity for continued growth in the area served by this treatment facility.

11. N. Gulfport WWTF UV – Ward 5 – \$4.1M

The project would replace the existing UV system that has been operational for more than 20 years and has exceeded its useful life. The system is obsolete and costly to operate. Utilization of new technology can reduce operating costs and improve efficiencies and capacities. The project would increase the peak design capacity. The improved efficiencies and additional capacity will support continued growth in the area served by this treatment facility.

12. Dedeaux Rd Widening – Ward 6 —East End only - \$5M

Currently, Dedeaux Road is a 4-lane roadway from Dede Drive to US 49 but is 2-lanes from Dede Drive to SR 605. The 2-lane section is approximately 2 miles long. The traffic flow along this corridor experiences heavy bottle necking along the eastern stretch. The project to widen the existing 2 lane portion to 4 lanes is shovel-ready (environmental assessment and route determination complete). The goal of this project will be the enhancement of safety and efficiency through the corridor. This project will provide

improved access for emergency services and commercial activity, which should in turn spur economic developments. What more, in the event of a natural disaster, widening of this corridor will provide a critical east-to-west link between two major hurricane evacuation routes (Highway 605 and Highway US 49). Portions of the road expansion have been funded through the FY 2006 Transpiration Appropriations Bill. This project is vital to provide an importation east/west connection between US highway 49 and MS 605 which will in turn decongest clogged traffic routes north of I-10. It will also provide a critical link in emergency evacuation preparedness and supply an economic development stimulus for this section of the City. This application is for the east end of the 2-mile widening project.

13. Mast Arm Signals with Pre-emption – All Wards – \$9.6M

This project will be providing mast arms and signal pre-emption for the existing signals that are span wires on thirty two (32) intersections that are located on major arteries and evacuations routes throughout the City. This project will reduce signal damage during high wind events as well as enable public safety vehicles to respond to emergencies more efficiently. The restoration of normal traffic will ensure a quicker economic recovery for the City and will improve quality of life by limiting road closures and associated heavy traffic conditions.

14. Forest Heights Levee Project – Ward 3 – \$9.2 M

The City of Gulfport (City) is in central Harrison County along the Gulf Coast of Mississippi at the critical intersection of US Highway 49 and Interstate 10. Centered at approximately 75 miles east of New Orleans and 75 miles west of Mobile, the City, with approximately 68,000 people, is the second most populated city in the State of Mississippi.

The City of Gulfport maintains a system of open channels, drainage structures, drainage culverts, etc. used to control storm water runoff from the residential, commercial and industrial properties throughout the City. Drainage within the City is generally handled through 7 distinct drainage basins: Bernard Bayou Basin East, Bernard Bayou Basin West, Brickyard Bayou Basin, Flat Branch Basin, Fritz Creek Basin, Turkey Creek Basin and the Mississippi Sound Basin. Each of these main drainage basins are composed of multiple sub-basins. The drainage system is contained within the Gulf Coastal Flat Woods on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. This area is a relatively flat flood plain adjacent to the Gulf of Mexico. Flooding is potentially caused by excessive rainfall compounded by high tides.

Within the Turkey Creek Basin is the Forrest Heights Subdivision. This historic subdivision was *established in 1966* by the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), in cooperation with the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Forrest Heights was *the nation's first integrated home ownership development* consisting of around 200 homes on approximately 100 acres. This program provided free housing to qualifying married couples (with children) where the husband could verify employment. The name "Forrest Heights" was selected in honor of Civil Rights Activist Dorothy Height, who was the president of the NCNW from 1947-1997. While once touted the most modern subdivision of the State of Mississippi, this subdivision has since retained its original cultural heritage and remains home to a majority African-American and low to moderate income families.

The subdivision was built along with a surrounding ring levee to protect it from flooding from the adjacent Turkey Creek. Built over 50 years ago with outdated construction practices, the levee has seen little improvement (shy of repairing to original design conditions after damage from Hurricane Katrina). A combination of higher current flood zone elevations than when originally designed, dated infrastructure, higher frequency of weather events, climate change, unregulated upstream development, lack of stormwater pumping stations, levee degradation, and the lack of passive flood prevention controls (i.e. not requiring manpower or equipment to be effective), has caused the levee to be ineffective at providing adequate protection to the residents. Additionally, there is no designed means of discharging runoff across the levee when the culverts passing under the levee are closed-off; the City must rely on trailer mounted pumps to be brought in and set up with each heavy rainfall event.

In 2002, the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in conjunction with Harrison County Board of Supervisors worked on a project management plan for the "Turkey Creek, Section 205 Flood Control Study." Based on the findings in that report, in July 2005 (pre-Hurricane Katrina), USACE issued a "Turkey Creek Flood Damage Reduction Study" in which they recommend improvements to the existing levee at Turkey Creek. USACE finetuned these recommendations, including detailed design considerations and a benefit-cost-analysis in their June 2009 "Mississippi Coastal Improvements Program (MsCIP); Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson Counties, Mississippi; Comprehensive Plan and Integrated Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement."

Based on the Federal recommendations from this 2009 USACE report, this project intends to raise the height of the levee from 16.5 feet above sea level to 21.0 feet above sea level, install passive flood control devices, install a stormwater pumping station(s), and raise one road to cross at the crest of the levee.

There came on for consideration at a duly constituted meeting of the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, held on the ____ day of _____, 2019, the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION BY THE GULFPORT CITY COUNCIL TO AUTHORIZE AN EXPENDITURE FOR ADVERTISING AND BRINGING INTO FAVORABLE NOTICE THE OPPORTUNITIES, POSSIBILITIES AND RESOURCES OF THE CITY OF GULFPORT AT THE 2019 OCEANS IN ACTION EVENT, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the premier Gulf Coast regional marine technology event, Oceans in Action, which focuses on emerging marine technologies, will be held in November 4-6, 2019 in the City of Gulfport; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gulfport desires to advertise and bring into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City by serving as a Silver Sponsor of the 2019 Oceans in Action event and, as such will be the sole sponsor of a networking reception; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority of the City of Gulfport is of the opinion that the City of Gulfport benefits from such advertising in the event by having an opportunity to promote the City of Gulfport to individuals from around the Gulf South; and it finds that pursuant to the authority of Miss. Code Ann. §17-3-1 (Rev. 2003) and Miss. Code Ann. §17-3-3 (Rev.2003) that an expenditure of \$5,000.00 to the Marine Technology Society (Gulf Coast Section) for and on behalf of the 2019 Ocean in Action event serves the purposes of advertising and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the municipality, and shall constitute a form of advertising or publicity that will be helpful toward advancing the moral, financial and other interests of the City of Gulfport.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:

Section 1. That the matters, facts and things recited in the Preamble hereto are hereby adopted as the official findings of the Governing Authority.

Section 2. That the City of Gulfport, by and through its Mayor, is hereby authorized to expend municipal funds in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) payable to the Marine Technology Society (Gulf Coast Section) to serve as a Silver Sponsor of the 2019 Oceans in Action Event.

The above and foregoing Resolution, after having been first reduced to writing and read by the Clerk, was introduced by _____, seconded by _____, and was adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES

NAYS

ABSENT

WHEREUPON, the President declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted this the _____ day of _____, 2019.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

ADOPTED:

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

PRESIDENT

The above and foregoing Resolution was submitted to and approved by the Mayor, this the _____ day of _____, 2019.

APPROVED:

MAYOR



Oceans in Action 2019

November 4-6, 2019

Courtyard Marriott Beachfront Gulfport, Mississippi

Registration opens at the end of July.

[SIGN UP FOR EVENT UPDATES](#)

What's Oceans in Action All About?

It's the premier Gulf Coast regional marine technology event focusing on emerging technologies – bringing together federal, state, local, and private organizations for presentations, business-to-business/business-to-government meetings, exhibits of the latest technology, and pier-side demonstrations in association with the Advanced Naval Technology Exercise Gulf Coast.

NEW this year!

- Expanded pier-side demonstrations supporting the Advanced Naval Technology Exercise Gulf Coast
- High-level presentations and panels by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- More panels and meetings focused on how to do business with these and other federal agencies

Hear from Local and Regional Agencies

- USGS Hydrologic Instrumentation Facility (HIF)
- Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)
- RESTORE Act
- The Port of Gulfport and the Ocean Enterprise
- Newest developments at the University of Southern Mississippi, including support to aquaculture research at the Thad Cochran Marine Aquaculture Center
- Additional presentations from local collaborative groups and emerging technologies

Event Highlights

- In-room exhibit tables
- Themed exhibit rooms
 - Marine Industries Science & Technology (MIST) Cluster
 - Mississippi Defense Diversification Initiative (MDDI)
- One-on-one Business-to-Business and Business-to-Government meetings
- Networking receptions

Early-Bird Discounted Pricing

MTS Members \$100, Non-members \$200

Technology Showcase Tables \$500 (includes 2 registrations)

Sponsorship

Reach marine technology companies, government agencies, educators, and researchers. Become a sponsor of Oceans in Action. Contact Laurie Jugan, laurie.jugan@usm.edu.



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Product

Oceans In Action 2019 - Silver Sponsorship

Unit Price

\$5,000.00

Subtotal:

Shipping:

Taxes:

Discounts:

Grand Total:

There came on for consideration at a duly constituted meeting of the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, held on the ____ day of _____, 2019, the following Resolution:

**A RESOLUTION BY THE GULFPORT CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE
PUBLIC DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS AS A PART OF THE GRAND OPENING CEREMONIS
FOR CENTENNIAL PLAZA, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the newly renovated Centennial Plaza property is scheduled to open to the public on August 1, 2019, with great fanfare; and

WHEREAS, this opening event provides a public good to the citizens of the City of Gulfport and the entire Gulf Coast and culminates with a public display of fireworks; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City to approve, and permit this public display of fireworks.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:**

Section 1. That the matters, facts and things recited in the Preamble hereto are hereby adopted as the official findings of the Governing Authority.

Section 2. That, pursuant to Code of Ordinances, Section 10-55(c), the developers of Centennial Plaza are granted this written permit for a public display of fireworks during the Grand Opening festivities for the Centennial Plaza property on the evening of August 1, 2019, at or near the Centennial Plaza property in the City of Gulfport.

Section 3. That this Resolution be, and it is hereby ordered to be spread on the minutes of the governing Authority, and to be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and enactment according to law.

The above and foregoing Resolution, after having been first reduced to writing and ready by the Clerk, was introduced by _____, seconded by _____, and was adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES

NAYS

ABSENT

WHEREUPON, the President declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted this the _____ day of _____, 2019.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

ADOPTED:

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

PRESIDENT

The above and foregoing Ordinance was submitted to and approved by the Mayor, this the _____ day of _____, 2019.

APPROVED:

MAYOR