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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Mobile Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners

Mobile County

DWSRF # FS010096-07

January 2, 2023

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has made \$2,500,000 in financial assistance available to Mobile Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners using funds from the FY 2022 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Bipartisan Infrastructure Loan(DWSRF-LSL) Lead Service Line loan program. In accordance with State and Federal regulations that govern the program, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management has conducted a review to assess potential impacts upon the environment that may result from implementation of this project.

The Mobile Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners proposes to implement a project to begin identifying water line material on both sides of the meter for the service line inventory required by the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions.

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has determined that the project qualifies for a Categorical Exclusion (CE) from further environmental study under the guidelines specified by the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) which specifically include actions which are solely directed toward minor rehabilitation of existing facilities, functional replacement of equipment, or towards the construction of new ancillary facilities adjacent or appurtenant to existing facilities. However, this decision may be reconsidered if significant adverse information concerning potential environmental impacts of the project is discovered.

Comments relative to this project should be submitted in writing to Mr. John Laney, SRF Section, Permits and Services Division, Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Post Office Box 301463, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1463, no later than 30 days after the date of public notice. The Alabama Department of Environmental Management will not take formal action to proceed with the project without carefully evaluating any public comments opposing the project.

Sincerely,

Lance LeFleur, Director
Alabama Department of Environmental Management

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Attachment



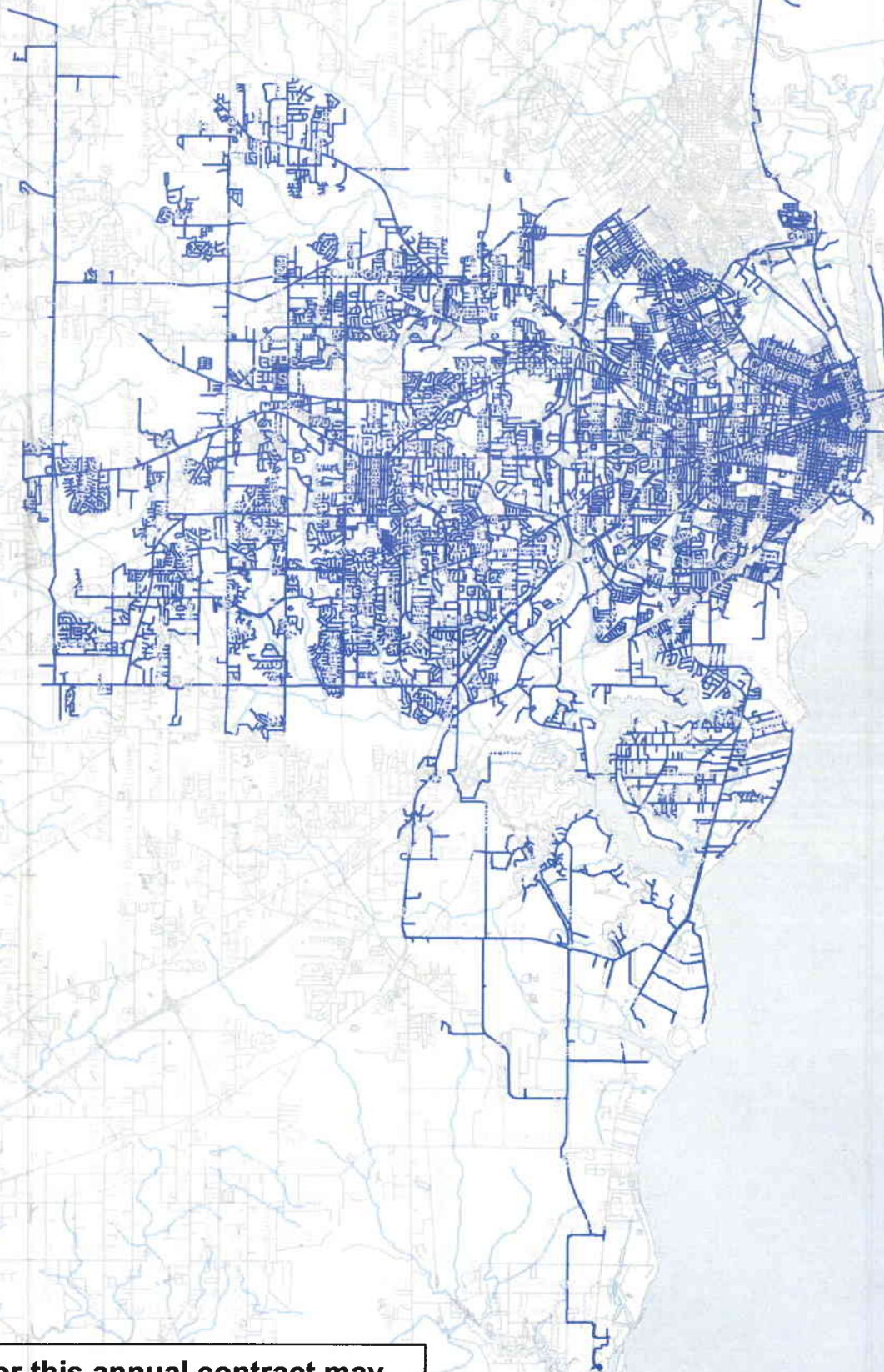
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The Categorical Exclusion is promulgated in the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) in Part IV, Section C: Categorical Exclusions for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Projects:(Italicized sections apply.)

1. The following drinking water projects are eligible for categorical exclusions:
 - a. *Actions intended solely for minor rehabilitation, functional replacement, or ancillary facilities adjacent or appurtenant to existing facilities.*
 - b. Minor construction, including:
 - (1) New wells or replacement wells for water supply purposes if ancillary to the existing system;
 - (2) Improvements not intended to increase capacity of the system;
 - (3) Facilities for the disinfection of public water supplies;
 - (4) Facilities such as looping that will result solely in the provision of adequate public water system pressure;
 - (5) Construction of water tanks;
 - (6) Construction of new water lines in previously disturbed areas within one mile of the existing distribution system.
 - c. Projects where funding is being provided for planning and/or engineering costs only (in which case the requirements of IV.C.1.a-d do not apply).
2. In order to determine if a drinking water project is eligible for a CE, all of the following must not apply:
 - a. The action is known or expected to directly or indirectly adversely impact any of the following:
 - (1) Cultural or historical resources;
 - (2) Endangered or Threatened Species and/or their critical habitats;
 - (3) Environmentally important natural resource areas such as floodplains, wetlands, prime agricultural land, or aquifer recharge zones.
 - b. The action is not cost effective.
 - c. The action will cause significant public controversy.
 - d. The action will create a new or expanded surface drinking water source.

This project complies with the above requirements and has been determined to be eligible for a Categorical Exclusion.

MAWSS Water System



Work for this annual contract may occur throughout the water system.



ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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July 29, 2022

Doug Cote
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Re: AHC 22-0931
MAWSS DWSRF Loan Application - Annual Contract for Identifying Lead and Copper Service Lines
Mobile County

Dear Mr. Cote:

We concur with the above referenced project provided all construction activities will occur within **existing and previously disturbed** highway right-of-way and/or other previously disturbed areas. For the purposes of this letter, previous disturbance is defined as mechanical disturbance to either culturally sterile subsoil, or the maximum depth of the proposed undertaking. It should be noted that agricultural plowing does not typically meet this threshold of disturbance, nor do previously undisturbed portions of the ROW that require clearing of additional vegetation. Any area that is to be involved and does not fall into one of the above categories will require a cultural resource assessment by a professional archaeologist. Submit the resulting report to our office for review and determination prior to project initiation.

Consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office does not constitute consultation with Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, other Native American tribes, local governments, or the public. If archaeological materials are encountered during construction, the procedures codified at 36 CFR 800.13(b) will apply. Archaeological materials consist of any items, fifty years old or older, which were made or used by man. These items include but are not limited to, stone projectile points (arrowheads), ceramic sherds, bricks, worked wood, bone and stone, metal, and glass objects. The federal agency or the applicant receiving federal assistance should contact our office immediately. If human remains are encountered, the provisions of the Alabama Burial Act (*Code of Alabama* 1975, §13A-7-23.1, as amended; Alabama Historical Commission Administrative Code Chapter 460-X-10 Burials) should be followed. This stipulation shall be placed on the construction plans to ensure contractors are aware of it.

We appreciate your commitment to helping us preserve Alabama's historic archaeological and architectural resources. Should you have any questions, please contact Amanda McBride at 334.230.2649 or Amanda.McBride@ahc.alabama.gov. Have the AHC tracking number referenced above available and include it with any future correspondence.

Sincerely,

Eric D. Sipes
Assistant State Archaeologist

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July 29, 2022

Project Name: MAWSS DWSRF Loan Application – Annual Contract for Identifying Lead and Copper Service Lines

Project Code: 2022-0068963

(Volkert Contract No. 1025601, Task No. 6)

Mr. Bill Pearson
Daphne ES Field Office
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
1208-B Main Street
Daphne, AL 36526

RE: DWSRF Loan Application Intergovernmental Review

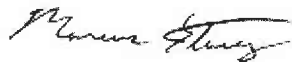
Dear Mr. Pearson:

The Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama (MAWSS) is proposing to submit a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Loan Application to fund an annual contract for identifying lead and copper service lines. The proposed annual contract will provide a means for identifying water line material on both sides of the meter for the service line inventory required by EPA's Lead and Copper Rule Revisions. The work required for this contract will consist primarily of exposing the existing water service, allowing for a determination of the material type. As shown on the attached maps, this work will occur throughout MAWSS' water system.

In accordance with the application, we are requesting an intergovernmental review on behalf of MAWSS. Please provide a response from your agency in writing including any comments and concurrence with the proposed loan. Please direct your response to MAWSS, c/o Marcus Stacey, P.E., Volkert, Inc., 1110 Montlamar Dr., Suite 1050, Mobile, AL, 36609, or by email at marcus.stacey@volkert.com.

Please call me at (251) 599-1974 should you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,



Marcus Stacey, P.E.

Enclosures

c Mr. Douglas Cote, P.E. - MAWSS



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
1208-B Main Street – Daphne, Alabama 36526
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No federally listed species/critical habitat are known to occur in the project area. As described, the project will have no significant impact on fish and wildlife resources. IF PROJECT DESIGN CHANGES ARE MADE, PLEASE SUBMIT NEW PLANS FOR REVIEW. We recommend use of best management practices specific to your project (See <http://www.fws.gov/daphne/section7/bmp.html>)


William J. Pearson
Field Supervisor
Alabama Ecological Services Field Office

SEP 20 2022

Date

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Marcus Stacey

From: Marcus Stacey
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 11:42 AM
To: cesam-rd@sam.usace.army.mil
Cc: Melinda Immel
Subject: Concurrence Request for MAWSS DWSRF Loan Application - Annual Contract for Identifying Lead and Copper Service Lines
Attachments: Corps of Engineers - Jurisdictional Determination Form - MAWSS DWSRF Annual Contract Lead & Copper ID.pdf

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In accordance with the application, we are requesting that a response from your agency be provided in writing including any comments and concurrence with the proposed loan. Please direct your response to MAWSS, c/o Marcus Stacey, P.E., Volkert, Inc., 1110 Montlimar Dr., Suite 1050, Mobile, AL, 36609, or by email at marcus.stacey@volkert.com.

Please call me at (251) 599-1974 should you have any questions or require any additional information.

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SOUTH ALABAMA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

PROJECT REVIEW SHEET

INTERNAL SARPC PROJECT CONTROL NO.: 22-06

REQUESTING AGENCY: MAWSS

PROJECT: DWSRF Loan Application
Annual Contract for Identifying Lead and Copper Service Lines
Contract No. 1025601, Task No. 6
Mobile, AL

Internal SARPC Project Review Control No. 22-06

COMMENTS: (Check one)

Does Not Apply

Concur

No Objection

Concur Contingent Upon (Explain Below)

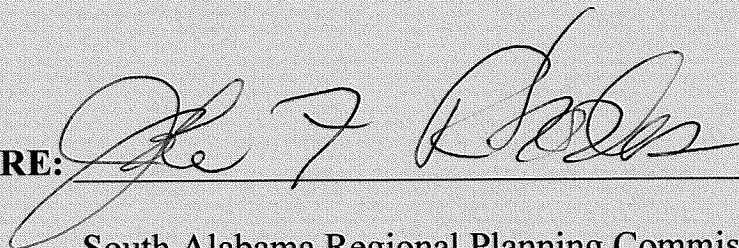
Need More Information (Explain Below)

Cannot Concur (Explain Below)

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EXPLANATION:

REVIEWER SIGNATURE:



South Alabama Regional Planning Commission
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