

PUBLIC NOTICE AND FINDINGS

Notice is hereby given by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) that a grant application is being made for funding to construct a road and waterline to access Slip B in the Northern Expansion of Port Fourchon, LA. Total estimated cost of the project would be \$2,700,000. Funding for the project would be provided by a grant from the EDA of \$2,196,000.

The proposed project is located in Port Fourchon's Northern Expansion area, recently developed to meet demand for increased leasable space at the port. Project includes construction of 3,700 linear feet of asphalt surface roadway; 3,700 linear feet of aggregate surface roadway; and a waterline extending the length of the roadway. The new road will serve approximately 3,258 linear feet of newly bulkheaded, leasable space along Slip B in the Northern Expansion.

A determination has been made by the EDA, in accordance with the President's Executive Order 11988, that the project will be located in the 100 yr. floodplain, is water dependant, and that there is "no practicable alternative." The project has been designed to minimize the risks of loss of life and property due to flood and storm damage and minimize the adverse impacts in floodplain value and function.

Copies of the application are available at the Port Office, 16829 East Main Street, Galliano, LA 70354. Those parties wishing to express their views concerning the proposed project may provide written or oral comments to:

Regional Environmental Officer
Economic Development Administration
504 Lavaca, Suite 1100
Austin, Texas 78701

Telephone Number (512) 381-8156

Comments will be accepted by the EDA for thirty (30) days after publication of this Public Notice. If no adverse comments are received, this will be the only notice.