

Press Release

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Alabama Gulf Of Mexico Energy Security Act Program (GOMESA)

Request For Project Suggestions

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR), State Lands Division (SLD), Coastal Section is accepting project suggestions to be funded through the Alabama Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act Program.

The Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) was enacted by Congress in 2006 and significantly enhances Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas leasing activities and revenue sharing in the Gulf of Mexico.

The GOMESA authorizes uses of the proceeds for the following purposes:

- a. Projects and activities for the purposes of coastal protection, including conservation, coastal restoration, hurricane protection, and infrastructure directly affected by coastal wetland losses;
- b. Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, or natural resources;
- c. Implementation of a federally approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plan;
- d. Mitigation of the impact of outer Continental Shelf activities through the funding of onshore infrastructure projects;
- e. Planning assistance and the administrative costs of complying with this section.

The ADCNR is accepting project suggestions that meet the authorized uses listed above. Projects submitted to the Alabama Restoration Project Portal will also be considered for funding.

TO APPLY AND FOR DETAILS OF SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Please see the Project Submittal Format below for submission guidelines. You can also contact Jeremiah Kolb via email at jeremiah.kolb@dcnr.alabama.gov with any questions.

Project suggestions should be submitted by mail or in person to the following address:

State Lands Division - Coastal Section
c/o Jeremiah Kolb
31115 Five Rivers Blvd.
Spanish Fort, AL 36527

Electronic submissions should be e-mailed in Portable Document Format (.pdf) to gomesa@dcnr.alabama.gov with GOMESA Project Suggestion in the subject line.

TO ENSURE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR INITIAL PROJECT REVIEW, PLEASE SUBMIT PROJECT SUGGESTIONS BY FEBRUARY 14, 2020, at 5 P.M. PROJECT SUGGESTIONS SUBMITTED AFTER THE FEBRUARY 14, 2020, DEADLINE WILL BE REVIEWED AS THEY ARE RECEIVED AS TIME PERMITS.

It shall be the sole responsibility of the submitting party to ensure actual receipt by the State Lands Division prior to this deadline. The ADCNR makes no guarantee that a project suggestion will be implemented.

GOMESA Program Project Submittal Format

I. Project Name

II. Submitter Contact Information

III. Project Location

IV. Project Description

V. Justification (Provide an explanation of how the project is consistent with one, or more, of the authorized uses of GOMESA funding)

VI. Estimated Cost and Detailed Budget

VII. Goals and Objectives of the Project

VIII. Project Schedule that Includes Key Milestones

IX. Cost Sharing: Describe cost sharing or leveraging of resources (if any)

X. Relationship to Other Programs (Please describe relationship, if any, to other existing programs, plans, or projects)

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