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Shallow Draft Navigation
"Value to the Nation"
Guide Sheet for Local Sponsors and Stakeholders
To provide input to project budget justifications

General:

- Whenever possible, cite the source of the factual information provided.
- If possible, information should be specific to the **project**.
- In addition to specific factual information, the sponsor or stakeholder may provide a narrative describing the importance of the project from their perspective.
- Not all factors apply to each project. Use the best information you can obtain in the categories that follow. Sooner is better. Provide what you can in the short term, and follow up with information that takes longer to obtain.

Commerce (commodities, tonnages, cargo value, transportation savings)

- Estimated annual tonnages by commodity moving on the project (sand/gravel, aggregates, petroleum, grain, fish, shellfish, etc.)
- Whenever possible, list by name the various businesses that use the project.
- For fish/shellfish, if available provide estimated cargo value relating to the tonnage.
- Estimated number, size, draft and type of commercial vessels using the project.
- Estimated annual trips for commercial vessels (count both inbound and outbound.)
- Estimated transportation savings vs. other mode or other harbor.
 - If project were not dredged, estimate the additional costs for light loading, waiting for tide, using truck or rail, or going to another harbor.
 - Are you already being forced to light load or wait for tide? Estimate savings to you if channel or harbor is dredged.
- List and describe other commercial uses with supporting information.
 - Seafood buyers and processors located on or adjacent to the project.
 - Charter boats, head boats – size, number of boats, estimated annual trips.
 - Ferries, tour boats, eco-tours, scientific and educational tours. Cite estimated annual vessel trips and estimated passengers carried on the project.
 - Boat repair yards, commercial marinas, etc.

Safety and Public Health

- Does the project serve as a harbor of refuge? If so, estimate the typical number of vessels that use the harbor in a storm, and identify the next closest available harbor.
- US Coast Guard – use of the project as a base for Search & Rescue activities, ice-breaking, aids to navigation maintenance, etc.
- Life threatening situations caused by shoaling – cite sources if available.
 - Groundings on shoals, accidents, injuries and fatalities at the project.

National, State and Local Security

- Cite any military use such as Navy or Marines.
- Coast Guard use for Homeland Security activities.
- Shipment of any commodities or equipment used by the military.
- Use by local or state law enforcement activities.

Recreation

- Estimated number of recreation boats using the project and vessel trips.
- Number of boat ramps and marinas on the project.

Environmental Factors

- Does the project factor into a local, state or federal environmental initiative?
- What environmental benefits are to be gained from the project?
- Is the work required to support agreements with other agencies?
- Be sure to explain why such factors should influence priority.

Consequences

- What happens if the project is not dredged?
- Jobs lost and businesses affected.
- Lost tax revenues.
- Describe extent and value of local investments that would go unrealized.
 - Local investments in dredging, dredged material placement sites and other real estate, bulkheads, piers, public landings, boat ramps, etc.
 - Private investments in businesses.

Other Remarks

- Unique features available only at that project.
- Cultural or historic values.
- Why is the project important to you?

Local Sponsor and Stakeholder information in support of “Value to the Nation” justification statements for Shallow Draft Navigation Projects should be returned to:

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