

## Direct Component Project Evaluation Form

Please complete the following information needed to evaluate your proposal. In order to be considered, complete evaluation packets must be received by **October 31, 2017**. Do not leave any questions blank; use N/A if not applicable to your project. The completed form is limited to 20 pages, including a 5 page limit for Section B.1 Proposed Scope of Work. See attached FAQs for submission information.

GENERAL INFORMATION			
Applicant Name:			
Point of Contact for matters concerning this project (POC name, email address and phone):			
Proposed Project Name:			
A. RESTORE ACT PROJECT CLASSIFICATION			
<b>1. Qualifying eligible activity:</b> Please check the primary eligible activity in the first column and then all other eligible activities that apply in the second column by placing an "X" in the column in the row corresponding to the qualifying eligible activity.	Primary Activity	All Others That Apply	Qualifying Eligible Activity
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast region
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, and natural resources
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Implementation of a federally approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plan, including fisheries monitoring
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Workforce development and job creation
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Improvements to or on state parks located in coastal areas affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coastal flood protection and related infrastructure
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Planning assistance
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast Region, including recreational fishing
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Promotion of the consumption of seafood harvested from the Gulf Coast Region
<b>2. Was this proposed activity included in any claim for compensation paid out by the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund after July 6, 2012?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
If "Yes," this activity is not eligible for Director Component funding.			

<b>3. Location</b> a) Please provide the actual location for the activity as street address, nearest intersection, or note boundaries on a submitted map. If there is more than one location for the activity, attach a list of the additional locations, city/town, county, state, and zip code.	Location:	
	City/Town:	
	County:	
	State:	
	Zip Code:	
b) Applicants must demonstrate that the proposed activity will be carried out in the Gulf Coast Region. An activity is carried out the Gulf Coast Region when, in the reasonable judgement of the entity applying for a grant, each severable part of the activity is primarily designed to restore or protect that geographic area. Describe how the proposed activity will be carried out in the Gulf Coast Region as defined in 31 CFR 34.2. Applicant must also attach a map including the location the activity is primarily designed to restore or protect. (See FAQs)		

<b>B. DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC ACTIVITY</b>	
<b>1. Proposed Scope of Work (See FAQs)</b>	
(a) Provide a detailed scope of work that fully describes the project or program for which funding is requested, including:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need, purpose, and objectives</li> </ul>	
Project Need (include cost of No Action):	
Project Purpose:	
Project Objectives:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How the project/program meets the identified primary activity designated in A1</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specific tasks, milestones and related timeframes (Needs to directly correspond to information provided in the Restore Act Milestones Report (See sample in FAQs)</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Description of all funding sources (please list any other funding sources that will be dedicated to meeting project goals and objectives, both federal and non-federal (corresponds to SF-424-A form in budget attachments)</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Projects designed to protect or restore natural resources must be based on <b>best available science</b>, (See FAQs). Include a description of the methods to be used to achieve the protection or restoration objective(s). (Also complete Question B10.)</li> </ul>
(b) If the proposed project is part of a larger project outside the scope of this application, describe the larger project and the proposed project's relationship to it.
<p><b>2. Budget Justification</b> (See 2 CFR Sub-part E, Cost Principles)</p> <p>Directions: Explain in detail how the proposed budget supports the proposed scope of work. The budget justification should relate each budget category listed in the SF-424A and SF-424C to the specific tasks discussed in the response to B1. Provide specific justification for ALL budget categories that apply, including an explanation of the necessity, allowability, reasonableness, and allocability of proposed costs. Please refer to the relevant FAQs for descriptions of the budget categories.</p>
<p><b>3. The Applicant's Selection and Oversight of Contractors, if applicable</b></p> <p>Directions: Indicate if the applicant plans to contract out any work described under the Budget Justification (see B2) including construction. If so, the applicant must describe the following:</p>
- Nature of the work to be contracted out and the expected number of contracts to be awarded;
- Procurement method(s) allowable under 2 CFR 200.320 that will be used for the procurement of the contractor(s);
- Justification under 2 CFR 200.320(f) for sole source procurement, if applicable; and
- Applicant's plan for monitoring contractor performance and compliance.
<p>If a contractor already has been selected, also include the following:</p>
- Name of each contractor;
- DUNS number of each contractor;
- Date the applicant executed each contract;
- Amount of each contract award;
- Procurement method allowable under 2 CFR 200.320 that was used for the procurement of each contract;
- Description of the procurement process, as implemented; and
- Justification under 2 CFR 200.320(f) for sole source procurement, if applicable.

<b>4. Best Available Science</b>	
<p>Directions: If the answer to the following question is "yes" complete this section.</p> <p>Is the proposed activity designed to protect or restore natural resources?</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/>      No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>The RESTORE Act requires activities designed to protect or restore natural resources to be based on the "best available science," which is defined in the Act as science that (a) maximizes the quality, objectivity, and integrity of information, including statistical information; (b) uses peer-reviewed and publicly available data; and (c) clearly documents risks and uncertainties in the scientific basis for such projects.</p> <p>The applicant must make a determination that a project designed to protect or restore natural resources is based on the best available science. In order to support this determination, the applicant must clearly state the protection or restoration objective(s) of the project, describe the methods that will be used to achieve the objective(s), and explain how these methods are based on best available science. The response must be sufficiently detailed for Treasury to evaluate the reasonableness of the applicant's determination that the project is based on best available science. In addressing the three-pronged test in the definition of "best available science," the applicant must cite, when available, peer-reviewed, objective, methodologically sound literature sources that support the conclusion that the proposed scope of work is an effective way to achieve the stated objectives.</p>	
<p>For each literature source cited, the applicant must provide sufficient citations, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Title;</li> <li>- Journal in which the literature source appeared, if applicable;</li> <li>- Publication date;</li> <li>- Author(s); and</li> <li>- Web address if downloaded or available online.</li> </ul>	
<p>The applicant must provide written answers to all of the following: (Submission of source materials will not satisfy the requirements for answering this question.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A summary of the peer-reviewed information that justifies the proposed objectives, including methods used for the proposed activity. If peer-reviewed literature sources are unavailable, the Applicant must explicitly State this and provide A brief explanation of what alternative scientific information sources were used. If the Applicant relied on publicly available data, the Applicant must cite the source of the data, the date of collection, and the size of the data set. Whenever possible, the Applicant should use publicly available data from sources such as State agencies and federal agencies, for example the U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Environmental Protection Agency, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The Applicant must provide a link to each publicly available data source used.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A summary of how the applicant's methods reasonably support and are adaptable to Gulf Coast Region if the information supporting the proposed activity does not directly pertain to the Gulf Coast Region.</li> </ul>	

- A summary of an evaluation of uncertainties and risks in achieving the project's best available science objectives over the longer term; e.g., is there an uncertainty or risk that in 5-10 years the project/program will be obsolete or not function as planned given projections of sea level rise or other environmental change such as in freshwater inflows to estuaries?

- A summary of the literature sources' conclusions and any uncertainties or risks in the scientific basis that would apply to the proposed activity, including any uncertainties or risks that were identified by the public or by a Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council member.

### 5. Key Personnel

Directions: Key personnel should include the applicant's Authorizing Official who is authorized to sign the grant application and award, the Project Director who is responsible for the project, and the Financial Officer who is responsible for maintaining the accounting and financial records of the grant. Please provide an Organizational Chart.

### 6. Possible Material Risks to Implement and Maintain the Proposed Activity

Directions: List the possible material risks, e.g., operational, legal, regulatory, budgetary, or ecological risks, with a brief discussion of mitigation strategies that the applicant may need to address in order to implement and/or maintain the proposed activity. If the applicant determines that there are no material risks to implement and maintain the proposed activity, then put 'None' in the Risk column below.

Risks:

Mitigation Strategy:

### 7. Permits, Land Acquisition, Construction, and Relocation Assistance

Directions: Answer the following items concerning permits, construction, land acquisition, and relocation assistance, if applicable.

(a) Permits

Does the proposed activity require any federal, tribal, state, or local permits? For potential federal permits needed, see: (<https://www.permits.performance.gov/tools/federal-environmental-review-and-authorization-inventory>). If yes, list the specific federal, tribal, state, or local permits required for this project and the status of the permits:

(b) Land Acquisition and Construction Activities

Will land be improved? If yes, answer questions i-vi

Yes  No

Will land or interest in land be acquired? If yes, answer questions i-vii

Yes  No

i. What are the legal rights that will be acquired?
Fee Title <input type="checkbox"/> Easement <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
ii. If an easement, what is the life of the easement?
iii. Who will hold title to the land?
iv. What is the total acreage of the proposed property interest to be acquired (easement or fee title)?
v. Has the applicant obtained a recent certified appraisal of the property? If yes, attach a copy of the appraisal.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
vi. Has the applicant obtained a recent title opinion or certificate? If yes, attach a copy of the title opinion or certificate.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
vii. Attach a signed statement from the seller(s) that he/she is a willing seller and has not been coerced into selling or conveying the property interest.
viii. Attach the legal description of the property and the tax parcel number.
<b>(c) Relocation Assistance</b>
Will the proposed project cause the displacement of any persons, businesses, or farm operations? If yes, as required by Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, explain: the number of displaced persons, including businesses and farm operations; what fair and reasonable relocation payments and advisory services will be provided to any displaced persons; and what provisions will be made to ensure that safe, decent, and sanitary replacement dwellings will be available to such persons within a reasonable period of time prior to displacement.
<b>8. Additional Project-Specific Factors</b>
- Please discuss the proposed project's short-term and long-term benefits
- The purpose of the RESTORE Act is to provide funding for ecological and economic recovery efforts for damages incurred as a result of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. Please discuss how the proposed project's implementation will prevent any adverse impacts elsewhere.

- Does the proposed project expand or promote an existing industry or offer diversification? If so, please explain:
- Does the proposed project create short-term job opportunities? If so, how many? Please justify:
- Does the proposed project create long-term job opportunities? If so, how many? Please justify:
- Please discuss how the proposed project will be sustained post-implementation including any annual recurring costs
- Please discuss how the proposed project will use cutting-edge technology (i.e., LID, LEED, permeable surfaces)
- Because the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund will receive deposits over a 15-year period, the Council may consider funding projects in phases. In the event this proposed project is not fully funded, please discuss how the project might be implemented in phases. Keep in mind each phase must result in a stand-alone product.

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