

**MINUTES OF  
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST  
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON FEBRUARY 7, 2013**

PRESENT: Louis Wittie, Chair (arrived 9:15 a.m.)  
Timothy Doody, Committee Member  
Stephen Estopinal, Committee Member

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The Operations Committee of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (SLFPA-E or Authority) met on February 7, 2013, in Meeting Room 221, Orleans Levee District Franklin Administrative Complex, 6920 Franklin Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Wittie was unavoidable delayed due to traffic and Mr. Estopinal chaired the meeting until Mr. Wittie's arrival. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Opening Comments:** None.

**Adoption of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as presented.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the January 10, 2013 Operations Committee meeting were approved.

**Public Comments:** None.

**New Business:**

**A. Discussion of design and construction administration fees for a task order with URS Corporation for the Franklin Avenue Parking Lot Improvements Project.**

Gerry Gillen, Orleans Levee District (O.L.D.) Executive Director, explained that the proposed parking lot improvements will extend across the front of the O.L.D. Police, Warehouse and Administration Buildings, along the shell road aside the Police Building and behind the Warehouse. The work will also include a new guard shack, relocation of the entrance to the north side of the property and landscaping. The construction project cost is estimated at one-half million dollars. The SLFPA-E currently has an Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity (ID-IQ) contract with URS Corp. The design and construction administration fees for the proposed task order total \$98,000.

The Committee voted unanimously in favor of forwarding a recommendation to the Board to approve the task order with URS Corp.

**B. Discussion of design and construction administration fees for a task order with Atkins North America, Inc. for Floodwall and Floodgate Repairs Project.**

Mr. Gillen explained that the proposed work involves approximately 75 floodgates. The repair work includes the replacement of the rubber seals on the floodgates, sill work on

various floodgates and addressing about twelve areas in the floodwalls with major concrete spalls from lightening strikes. The repair work will be accomplished in a methodical manner and is estimated to cost between \$500,000 and \$600,000. The SLFPA-E currently has an ID-IQ contract with Atkins North American, Inc. The estimated total for the proposed task order with Atkins for data gathering, design, bidding, construction administration and full time inspection is \$160,000.

The Committee voted unanimously in favor of forwarding a recommendation to the Board to approve the task order with Atkins North America, Inc.

**Levee District Reports:**

**HSDRRS Status Report:** Stevan Spencer, SLFPA-E Regional Chief Engineer, advised that the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS) Status Report (copy appended to minutes) will be updated weekly and will address on-going projects that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has not issued a Notification of Contract Completion (NCC) letter. The HSDRRS Status Report will relieve the levee district Executive Directors from having to include these projects in their monthly status reports. He pointed out that since the preparation of the report the USACE awarded a contract for the Landside Runoff Collection System at LPV 03.2B1. He also advised that staff is reviewing Volumes 1, 2 and 3 of the USACE's Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Manuals. Volumes 1 and 2 are general in nature. Volume 3 is project specific and currently a template for the numerous forthcoming project specific manuals.

**Lake Borgne Basin Levee District (LBBLD):** Nick Cali, LBBLD Executive Director, reviewed the highlights of the monthly status report (copy appended to minutes). He noted that FEMA approved engine upgrades at Pump Stations Nos. 1 and 4. The upgraded engines will enable remote operation of the stations using the telemetry that will be included in the construction of the safe rooms. The contract for the design of the safe rooms was recently awarded. The projects are anticipated to be completed within the next 24 months.

**Orleans Levee District (O.L.D.):** Mr. Gillen reviewed the highlights of the monthly status report (copy appended to minutes).

**East Jefferson Levee District (EJLD):** Fran Campbell, EJLD Executive Director, reviewed the highlights of the monthly status report (copy appended to minutes).

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.