

CRC Infrastructure Sub-Committee

Project Identification Template and Instructions

NEW EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER FOR MOBILE COUNTY

Instructions: Please complete all of the information requested with the best information you have available. Limited attachments are acceptable if necessary to adequately describe the project but the **total length should be limited to 6 pages** one-sided (including attachments). This Identification Template is intended as a preliminary mechanism by which proposals and projects to improve the resiliency of Coastal Alabama are solicited and captured with some consistency of format, scope definition, and project benefits and impact. **This is only a first step: proposals and projects will not be funded based upon this submittal. Further information and details will be solicited at such time as the screening and funding process is more fully defined.**

Responses should be received by **December 7, 2010**, to be included in the appendix the Coastal Recovery Commission Report to the Governor to be submitted December 15, 2010. Submittals after that date will be accepted for consideration but will not be included in the Project Appendix.

Completed Templates may be submitted:

- Electronically (.pdf preferred) to:
crcalabama.templateresponse@gmail.com
- By US mail to: Coastal Recovery Commission,
P.O. Box 881, Mobile, AL 36601-0881

Project Identification Template

I. What – Project Information/Basic Facts

1. Project Scope: Construct a new Emergency Operations Center of approximately 35,000 square feet to serve as the multi-agency response and resource coordination center for Mobile County and all of its political subdivisions during disasters.

2. Project duration or schedule by phase and status of any work in progress : Project duration is estimated to be 24 months from approval to proceed. The City of Mobile has donated 10 acres of land for this project and conceptual floor plans have been produced.
- 2.1. Conceptual and Feasibility Planning, Engineering, Construction: Conceptual planning has been accomplished and the project is ready to move to the detailed design and engineering phase. Upon completion of detailed plans a contractor can be selected and construction can begin. Construction should take 12 to 18 months to complete.
3. Estimated Cost (plus or minus 30%) : \$14,250,242.00
- 3.1. Indicate level of confidence in accuracy of these estimates High level of confidence

II. Why - Project Description relative to Impact and Criteria

1. Identify what need, threat or opportunity that this project, study, or recommendation will address: The existing facility cannot adequately support the number of personnel required to effectively manage emergency response to incidents with the work space, billeting space and sanitation facilities needed. Today's Homeland Security threat environment also requires physical security enhancements for a critical facility such as this. Due to nature of the current location further expansion or enhancements are either not feasible or not considered cost effective.
2. How does this project or recommendation address and impact the recommended evaluation criteria:
 - 2.1.1. Coastal Recovery: An effective community emergency preparedness program with adequate facilities adds to the quality of life by ensuring that residents are equipped with the knowledge of the hazards they face and how to prepare for them. It also instills confidence in our citizens that their government has the tools and resources necessary to keep them safe. Recovery is expedited by providing the interface between disaster victims and the myriad sources of disaster assistance available.
 - 2.1.2. Resiliency: Risk elimination and reduction is a primary goal of the emergency preparedness program managed by the EOC. Planning, training and exercises throughout the year reduce probability of failures when disaster strikes and immediate and effective multi-agency response properly managed will expedite recovery.

2.1.3. Transformational: This project supports the vision of a vibrant north central Gulf Coast region of communities collaborating for growth and safety. Disasters have regional impacts as evidenced by the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and the Deep Water Horizon incident. Mobile County is positioned to take a leading role in transforming this region into a disaster resistant and resilient one. Building a new EOC demonstrates a full commitment to accomplishing that goal.

2.1.4. Regionalism: Mobile County EMA continues to demonstrate leadership in fostering a culture of preparedness along the Gulf Coast and in southwest Alabama. In addition to being almost the geographic center of the north central Gulf Coast, Mobile is the largest metropolitan area between New Orleans and Tampa. Mobile has a history of collaboration and cooperation with adjacent counties and neighboring states. These relationships paid dividends during response and recovery from natural and human caused disasters. The fact that Mobile was chosen as the location for the Unified Command Center during Deepwater Horizon and the NOAA Disaster Response Center bears this out. A new, larger EOC will support continued efforts to take a regional approach to emergency preparedness.

2.1.5. Economic Diversification: As a coastal community in a hurricane prone area, it is absolutely essential for the quality of life and economic growth that there is an effective emergency preparedness program in place. Components of this program are an informed and educated public, adequately trained and equipped responders and adequate facilities to effectively manage the community's response to disasters. We cannot eliminate the risks posed by natural hazards but we can take measures to preserve and protect critical infrastructure, assure continuity of essential government services and speed recovery.

3. Project Economics : The estimated cost for the design and construction of a new EOC is \$14,250,242.

4. Identify Direct Project benefits to Coastal Alabama, including avoided costs, consequence of "No Build" alternative. : Completion of this project will assist response and recovery. Lack of adequate facilities could jeopardize rapid response and recovery from a serious disaster and result in a secondary catastrophe.

4.1. Impact on employment, job training and development, both short term and permanent ____
There will be a short term impact on employment by creating work for local contractors and suppliers of building materials and equipment. The primary long term

impact of this project is indirect in that it will encourage job growth through economic development by contributing to a stable and healthy environment, economy and society.

4.2. Oil spill mitigation outside of claims process This project enhances the Area Contingency Plan for oil spill response by providing facilities that could accommodate the State EOC-South and Federal agencies involved in a response and recovery. The proximity of the EOC to NOAA's Disaster Response Center, the primary science and technology support activity for oil spill response, also enhances joint collaboration and incident management between Federal, state and local agencies.

5. Identify Indirect benefits and costs

5.1. Collateral Benefits to the objectives of Healthy Environment, Healthy Economy and Healthy Society (subjective responses allowed) This project benefits the entire community by ensuring that government can meet and exceed its mission requirement to provide for the safety and welfare of its citizens in a timely and efficient manner.

5.2. Collateral Costs or impacts to the objectives of Healthy Environment, Healthy Economy and Healthy Society (subjective responses allowed) There are no collateral costs or adverse impacts associated with this project.

5.3. Connectivity and Linkage to other projects or initiatives: Does this project complement or compete with other projects? What other projects would be precluded if this project is funded? : This project does not directly compete or preclude any others.

III. Who/How - General Information

1. Name and contact information for Entity, Collaboration or Person submitting project or recommendation nomination. : **Ronnie Adair, Director, Mobile County Emergency Management Agency, 348 N. McGregor Ave, Mobile, AL 36608, 251-460-8000, radair@mcema.net.**

1.1. Entities and communities sharing a common threat or need are encouraged to collaborate for a joint/combined project submittal to raise the profile of the issue and solution to be addressed. Also please indicate the level of community support or resistance and hurdles to collaboration.

Mobile County EMA is the emergency program coordinator for the ten jurisdictions and the Mobile County Commission. There is broad community support for this project.

2. Identify Sponsoring Entity for oversight and accountability if different from above.
 - 2.1. Existing or to be created? : Existing: Mobile County Emergency Management Authority
 - 2.1.1. If to be created, what parties or interests must be involved and what level of effort is required to do so? : N/A
 - 2.2. Describe governance, organizational capacity, availability of skills, experience of sponsoring entity to implement the Project : The Executive Committee of the Mobile County Emergency Management Authority will provide overall project oversight. A project manager will be designated by the Director of Mobile County EMA. This manager will be responsible for the efficient and successful implementation of this investment and will be accountable to the Director. Under this arrangement all of the resources in city and county government are available to support project implementation.
 - 2.3. Project complexity: Hurdles and barriers to project implementation, completion and sustainability. Identify regulatory issues. : None except funding.
3. Identify any known or anticipated administrative, regulatory, or legislative action that would be required at either the local, state, or federal governmental level. : There are no known environmental or historic preservation impediments to this project. Aside from normal permitting for construction project like this regulatory compliance is not an issue.
4. Requested funding from Coastal Recovery Fund (CRF) : \$14,250,242
5. Identified potential funding sources other than the CRF : \$0
 - 5.1. Leverage or multiplier on CRF investment: matching funds, public or private N/A
 - 5.2. Public Private Opportunities, user fees, Federal funds, private foundation grants, bonding capacity, etc. N/A
6. Forecast of ongoing maintenance or operating costs and source of funding if not self sustaining : The increased operations and maintenance costs will be included in the annual budget for Mobile County EMA. This budget is supported by pro rata contributions from all jurisdictions in Mobile County. It is estimated that these costs will increase this budget by approximately 30 per cent.