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Governors' South Atlantic Alliance (GSAA) Issue Area Project and Resource Needs "Snap Shot"

This Snap Shot is designed to collect brief information on the prospective projects and resource needs of the GSAA Issue Area Technical Teams to progress the GSAA Action Plan and Implementation Plan.

Issue Area: Working Waterfronts

Project Title: Identify areas that experience chronic navigational problems due to sedimentation or other navigational hindrances that could be alleviated by dredging.

Scoping process

Action to be Addressed:

WW1A: *Improve the capability and vitality of ports and working waterfronts through expansion of infrastructure and modes of access while addressing cargo and ship-borne invasive species, dredging impacts, and protection of natural resources.*

Resources Needed: [including cost in thousands]

- 1) Funding to participate in the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association Annual Conference in Charleston, SC on November 21-22, 2013 to engage stakeholders and hold on-site WWIATT meeting. Request participation by four state leads for no more than \$2,500.

Expected Timescale: [in years and months]

- Three to six months to gather information regarding current status of Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway with focus on trouble areas.
- Additional three-six months to produce a final white paper and data for the GSAA portal for a total of 12 months.

Description

Background: *Please provide 1 to 2 paragraphs. Include details about the needs this project addresses and a description of the current status of information for the proposed topic and its level of adequacy.*

Within Action Item WW1A, one item of particular concern to the WWIATT is Implementation Step 3. Implementation step three is "Support optimum economic viability and capacity in the region's ports." Within the Implementation Step there are four tasks including, "Prioritize areas along the intracoastal waterway for dredging to improve navigation opportunities when appropriate." Specifically, the WWIATT would focus on the sub-task of identifying areas that experience chronic navigational problems due to sedimentation or other navigational hindrances that could be alleviated by dredging.

During WWIATT discussions, team members discussed this task and believe that there is sufficient information already available from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to

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address this sub-task. The goal would be to coordinate with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' South Atlantic Division and individual Districts to collect this information.

Objectives: *Clearly and succinctly state the objectives or expected outcomes of this project.*

- 1) The completion of the sub-task of identifying areas that experience chronic navigational problems due to sedimentation or other navigational hindrances that could be alleviated by dredging.

Approach/Methods: *Provide a brief description on the process, techniques, or tools that may be used to meet the objectives of the project. If applicable, describe where this project ties in with other efforts, and if so, how.*

- 1) Team members would contact the South Atlantic Division and individual Corps of Engineers Districts to request information regarding the status of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway with a specific interest in regards to sedimentation or other navigational hindrances that could be alleviated by dredging. Team members would coordinate findings from the Corps of Engineers.
- 2) A white paper would be produced highlighting those areas of concern for both commercial and recreational users. The white paper would also discuss challenges to maintenance efforts whether they be financial, environmental, or other. If available, estimated costs to improve and maintain those areas would be highlighted. The data would be included in the GSAA Coast and Ocean Portal.
- 3) A presentation by IATT members at the 2013 Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association Annual Conference in Charleston, South Carolina to discuss status of efforts, and to allow for further discussion and review of findings by waterway users who attend the conference. Upon stakeholder involvement, all documents and data would be updated.

Potential Partners: *Identify partners that could work with the IATTs to accomplish the project objectives, or partners that have the expertise to develop and execute the project as an independent study. Where possible, include points of contact and descriptions of roles.*

IATT members would lead outreach efforts. The Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association (AIWA) is a team member and has agreed to allow the GSAA to participate in the conference and will provide an opportunity for stakeholder engagement.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers- Involvement by South Atlantic Division and Wilmington, Charleston, Savannah and Jacksonville Districts of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. These partners would provide information regarding dredging areas and maintenance needs. Points of Contact include the following and all are expected to attend the AIWA Annual Conference:

SAD- Dylan Davis

Wilmington- Bob Keistler and Roger Bullock

Charleston- David Warren and Brandon Scully

Savannah- Roger LaFond

Jacksonville- Shelly Trulock