



LA-54912 Notice to Proceed

LA-54912 Columbia Port Railspur Construction Project

Dear Greg Richardson,

On behalf of Delta Regional Authority (DRA) Federal Co-Chairman, Dr. Corey Wiggins, I am pleased to inform you that all executed award documents have been returned and that you are now authorized to proceed with the approval date of March 11, 2024. Please note that you are subject to Office of Management and Budget Administrative Requirements found in super circular CFR 200.

A copy of all contracts from general and sub-contractors should be provided to this office as they become available. No project costs incurred prior to the date listed should be submitted to DRA for reimbursement, without prior approval. Additionally, your obligation to begin submitting quarterly reporting forms should include the quarter ending March 30, 2024.

Good luck with your project. If you have any questions, please contact the Basic Agency identified below, which will be servicing the award for Delta Regional Authority. We look forward to working with you in the coming days.

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Sincerely,

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Clarksdale, MS – Delta Regional Authority (DRA) is awarding over \$31 million in investments to 34 projects across Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Missouri through the Community Infrastructure Fund (CIF). Funding for this program was made available, in part, by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law signed by President Biden, a key part of his Investing in America agenda to grow local economies from the middle out and bottom up and create more resilient and healthier communities across the country.

The 34 new investment projects will improve basic public infrastructure, transportation infrastructure, and flood control in communities across DRA's region. These projects are projected to create or retain 1,400 jobs and affect nearly 12,300 families.

"The Community Infrastructure Fund is one of DRA's most unique tools that allows us to expand and invest in the resiliency of the region's public infrastructure," said DRA Federal Co-Chairman Dr. Corey Wiggins. "As a result of this investment, over 12,000 families will have improved access to infrastructure, helping to improve their quality of life and increase economic opportunities in their communities."

The purpose of the CIF program is to address unmet basic public infrastructure, transportation infrastructure, and flood control needs to help build safer, more resilient communities in the Delta region.

The following projects received CIF funding:

Louisiana

The **Chalmette Terminal Main Lift Station Rehabilitation** project in Chalmette, Louisiana, has been awarded \$206,000 for the rehabilitation of the main lift station with a new sewerage treatment plant.

The **Urania Sewer System Improvements** project in Urania, Louisiana, has been awarded \$509,000 to renovate the city's wastewater treatment plant due to a premature infrastructure failure.

The **Columbia Port Rail Spur Construction** project in Columbia, Louisiana, has been awarded more than \$1 million to construct a rail spur that will provide a rail service at the Port of Columbia.

The **Central Louisiana Regional Port – Critical Industry-Infrastructure Expansion** project in Alexandria, Louisiana, has been awarded more than \$1.2 million to expand infrastructure and hardstand-supporting industry expansions, including a packaged electrical substation.

The **Hodge South First Street Improvements** project in Hodge, Louisiana, has been awarded more than \$752,000 to extend and overlay First Street.

The **Fontana Road Improvements** project in Monroe, Louisiana, has been awarded more than \$2.4 million to widen and upgrade 0.98 miles of two-lane roadway.

The **Design/Construct MRO Expansion Hangar** project in New Iberia, Louisiana, has been awarded more than \$2 million for the design and construction of a 200,000-square-foot hangar and infrastructure that will be used for aircraft rehabilitation and converting passenger aircraft to cargo aircraft.