

**State of Louisiana**

FY2011 Appropriations Request Form

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**Please e-mail the information as an attachment (preferably Word format) to Andrew Levert at [andrew\\_levert@vitter.senate.gov](mailto:andrew_levert@vitter.senate.gov) and to [vitter\\_projects@vitter.senate.gov](mailto:vitter_projects@vitter.senate.gov). Your subject line must read "FY11 Appropriations – Entity/Company/Vendor Name."**

Please fill out this form **in its entirety** and note that cell phone numbers must be included when you are providing contact information. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Senator Vitter's office at (202) 224-4623.

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- 1. Date of Request: February 11, 2010**

**Project Information**

- 2. Project Name** (brief but descriptive title): **West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee**
- 3. Project Funding Recipient** (organization name, address including parish, phone number and whether it is public, private or non-profit entity):

**Parish of St. Charles  
15045 River Road  
P.O. Box 302  
Hahnville, LA 70057  
985-783-5000**

**Local government (non-profit entity)**

- 4. Location of Project** (include address, city and parish if different from #3):

**Luling, Boutte, Paradis, and Des Allemands, St. Charles Parish**

- 5. Other Louisiana Parishes Benefiting from the Project:**

**The proposed West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee is a phased project that will provide critical flood protection for residents and infrastructure on the West Bank of St.**

**Charles Parish.** Infrastructure on the West Bank of the Parish includes several major industrial commodity, agricultural, and energy manufacturers such as Dow, Occidental Chemical, ADM, and Entergy. US Highway 90, a major thoroughfare connecting regional areas, is routed through the West Bank of St. Charles Parish. On the west end of the Parish lies the small fishing community of Des Allemands which plays a vital role in the supply chain for the seafood industry. Flooding on the West Bank of the Parish causes disruptions in manufacturing and harvesting activities resulting in regional and possible national shortages effecting supply chains for the aforementioned industries.

**6. Economic Impact** (Briefly describe the economic impact of this effort in terms of the total number of jobs new and maintained, the type of jobs, and where those jobs are located. Please list direct and indirect jobs):

A complete levee system on the West Bank of St. Charles Parish will lead to further business expansion and creation of jobs on the West Bank, which although currently attractive due to the existing multimodal transportation and availability of land, is for many interested businesses too much of a risk without levee protection. Should the protection levee not be funded and constructed, the economic impact will likely be felt to a harsher extent due to the business interruption, property loss, loss of income, and relocation of residents outside of the Parish that would result from flooding damage caused by a hurricane or tidal surge.

**7. Louisiana Point of Contact for Project Funding Recipient** (include name, title, address, business and cell phone numbers, e-mail address):

**Holly Fonseca, Grants Officer  
St. Charles Parish  
Grants Office  
15045 River Road  
P.O. Box 302  
Hahnville, LA 70057**

**hfonseca@stcharlesgov.net**

**985-783-5170 Office  
504-453-7878 Cell  
985-783-2187 Fax**

**8. Head of your Organization** (mayor, executive, president, CEO, etc., include name, address, business and cell phone numbers and e-mail address):

**V.J. St. Pierre, Jr.  
Parish President  
St. Charles Parish  
15045 River Road  
P.O. Box 302  
Hahnville, LA 70057**

**vj@stcharlesgov.net**

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985-783-5005 Fax**

**9. D.C. Point of Contact** (This is typically your D.C. - area government advocate. If applicable, include name, address, business and cell phone numbers and e-mail address):

**Richard "Dick" Eglé  
Eglé Associates  
1625 Beulah Road  
Vienna, VA 22182-1920**

**egler@egleassociates.com**

**703-319-2276 Office  
703-402-7602 Cell  
703-319-2283 Fax**

**11. Project Purpose – 250 Characters including spaces** (Concisely indicate the exact purpose of your project using 250 keystrokes or less):

**The West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee will provide interim flood protection for residents and infrastructure on the West Bank of St. Charles Parish.**

**12. Project Description – 250 Words** (Use up to 250 words to describe the project, what it will do, and why it is necessary. Describe the services, research, and/or products that will be provided and the identified military need it meets, if possible. This question is aimed at understanding the project and the reason for your request):

#### **West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee**

**The West Bank of St. Charles Parish is currently unprotected from storm surges associated with hurricanes and high tide conditions. In an effort to provide interim flood protection for residents and infrastructure, St. Charles Parish has taken the initiative to begin construction of a levee on the West Bank of the Parish. The West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee is a phased project.**

**The Magnolia Ridge phase consists of 3.38 miles of earthen levee presently permitted and under construction. Tidal exchange structures and a major pumping station in this phase remain to be completed and are currently unfunded. The Willowridge phase consists of 4.18 miles of earthen levee, drainage canals, tidal exchange structures, concrete t-walls, and a pumping station. A permit application for this phase was submitted to the Corps in October 2009 and is currently under review by the various regulatory agencies. The Ellington Plantation phase consists of 2.18 miles of earthen levee, drainage canals, tidal exchange structures, concrete t-walls, and a pumping station. A permit application for this phase is being finalized and is expected to be submitted to the Corps in March 2010.**

**The Des Allemands phase consists of approximately 1.5 miles of earthen levee and floodwall to protect the community while preserving the use of waterways vital to the**

**seafood industry. The Cajun Paradise phase consists of 0.9 miles of existing earthen levee that the Parish is working with the appropriate agencies to mitigate and permit.**

**13. What Appropriation Bill and Agency are you seeking funds from?** The 13 appropriations bills/ subcommittees are (1) Agriculture and Rural Development; (2) Commerce, Justice, and Science; (3) Defense; (4) District of Columbia; (5) Energy and Water; (6) State and Foreign Operations; (7) Interior and EPA; (8) Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education; (9) Military Construction and Veterans Affairs; (10) Transportation and HUD, (11) Homeland Security, and (12) Financial Services/Small Business Administration.

For example: (8) LHHSE – Department of Education – FIE (Fund for Improvement of Education)

This information can be found by searching the appropriation bills located on <http://thomas.loc.gov> . If you have questions on how to do this, please feel free to contact one of the offices listed below.

**(5) Energy and Water – Department of Defense – Civil: Department of the Army: Corps of Engineers (USACE)**

**14. Is this Project Authorized?** If Yes, list Bill or Law Number and Section (mainly Army Corp of Engineers projects):

**The West Bank of St. Charles Parish is included in an authorized project that is being sponsored by the Corps of Engineers (federal sponsor) and both the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) of Louisiana and the Lafourche Basin Levee District (local sponsors). This project, authorized in 1998 by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, is referred to as the Donaldsonville, Louisiana to the Gulf of Mexico Flood Control Project. Currently in the feasibility stage, alternatives to reducing storm surge are being examined, the adequacy of the existing drainage system is being assessed, and cultural, environmental and recreational issues are being identified in order to determine the recommended project alignment. The study process is lengthy and the Corps is not expected to complete the feasibility report for another year or two. The West Bank Hurricane Protection Project, St. Charles Parish is included in all of the alignments with exception of the proposed Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) alignment.**

**Currently, construction costs for the Donaldsonville to the Gulf Project are under development. However, preliminary observations show that the construction cost of the project will be in the neighborhood of \$850 million to \$1 billion. History has shown that projects of this magnitude have taken years to both fund and construct. The project to the east, the West Bank and Vicinity Project, was partially authorized for construction in the Water Resource and Development Act (WRDA) of 1986 and completely authorized in the WDR of 1999. As funding became available, components of the project have been completed between 1986 and 2005 (19 years). Post-Katrina legislation authorized and funded the extension of the project into St. Charles Parish up to the Davis Pond Freshwater Diversion East Guide Levee. Construction is expected to be complete in 2011. The total construction cost for the West Bank and Vicinity Project is estimated at \$1.3 billion.**

The CPRA has submitted a WRDA authorization request to the Louisiana Congressional Delegation, which if authorized, would accomplish one of the following:

- Construction of the West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee as a modification to the authorized West Bank and Vicinity Project; or
- Early construction of a portion of the Donaldsonville to the Gulf Project, specifically for those areas identified as the most vulnerable on the West Bank of St. Charles Parish; or
- Construction of the West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee as a stand-alone project.

15. **YOUR FY2011 REQUEST AMOUNT** (Indicate if in addition to President's Request and include a concise budget breakdown of the requested funding. For example, equipment \$40,000; computers \$3,000 etc):

<b>Land (Includes Acquisition &amp; Mitigation)</b>	<b>\$ 3,300,000</b>
<b>Permitting &amp; Design (Includes Contract Admin. &amp; Inspection)</b>	<b>13,200,000</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b><u>133,500,000</u></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$150,000,000</b>

16. **FY10 President's Budget Amount** (if applicable): **Not applicable**

17. **Language Request** (State requested language for bill and/or report and label which one):

18. **Previous Federal Funding (Important)**. Please indicate whether this project has received federal funding in the past. If so, what appropriation bill, reauthorization bill or government agency provided that funding? Also, include any federal grant funding received in the past.

**None**

19. **Previous State and Local Government Funding** (Received):

St. Charles Parish has funded approximately \$9.4 million in engineering, surveying, clearing and grubbing, construction, legal fees, mitigation, acquisition of right-of-ways, etc. for this project. The Parish has also entered into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for \$4,500,000 in funding through the Hurricane Flood Protection, Construction and Development Program for the St. Charles Parish West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee – Phase 1 Magnolia Ridge.

### **Additional Information—Project Support and Partnerships**

20. **Partners Working on this Project/Program** (Please list all private, local, state, federal and tribal partners. Please provide contact information, including a phone number for each partner):

**Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority**

**Garret Graves, Director**  
**Governor's Office of Coastal Activities**

**P.O. Box 94004  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9004**

**garret@la.gov**

**225-342-3968 Office**

**Mr. Jerome Zeringue, Deputy Director  
Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration  
P.O. Box 44027  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4027**

**Jerome.Zeringue@LA.GOV**

**225-342-3969**

**21. If this Project Receives an Appropriation What Will the Division of Funds be Among the Partners?**

**Should this project receive an appropriation, the recipient of 100% of the appropriation would be the Parish of St. Charles.**

**22. Current Status of Project (Study/Planning, Engineering, Design/Construction):**

**Permit applications are under development.**

**23. Current Phase this Funding is for (For Transportation or Water/Wastewater Projects):**

**This request is for Planning and Construction funding.**

**24. How will the project be evaluated and performance measured?**

**The project will be evaluated based upon successful completion of the construction of all of the phases of the levee. The project's performance will be measured based upon the level of flood protection the levee provides post construction.**

**25. Expected Completion Date of the Project:**

**Following the appropriation of the funding requested, it is estimated that completion of all phases of the project will take four (4) years.**

**26. Total Estimated Cost of Project: \$150,000,000**

**27. Does the Funding Requested Complete the Project? (Y/N) Yes**

**28. If No, What are the Expected Future Appropriations Requests? Not Applicable**

**29. Other Members of Congress Receiving this Request:**

**Senator Landrieu, Congressman Alexander, Congressman Melancon, and Congressman Scalise**

**30. Additional Information or Comments:**

**31. Attachments** (Letters of Recommendations from Local Beneficiaries are Preferred):

- If you are requesting water and/or wastewater assistance, please fill out the attached EPA/STAG form.

**Public Release Section**

The information you include in this section will help our office highlight your efforts in the media and will be used on our website. Appropriations requests often must be explained or justified to the public. As a result, information provided in this appropriation request form may be used or distributed by Senator Vitter's office without prior notice.

**32. Please Describe in Layman's Terms the Most Direct Positive Impacts this Project will have on the Surrounding Community and State.** (If, for example, your project creates or retains family-wage jobs, meets an identified military need, and/or spurs economic growth, be sure to include who will be affected and how local quality of life will be improved. Please be sure to provide specifics about the areas of our state that will be served by this project):

**Protecting St. Charles Parish's West Bank from tidal flooding also protects many national interests, including vital chemical, petrochemical production and agricultural production. In addition to sparing the homes and livelihoods of approximately 30,000 residents, a complete hurricane protection levee would further encourage additional business expansion in St. Charles Parish, already an attractive option because of the multimodal transportation that exists here, including access rail, highway, air and maritime shipping. St. Charles Parish residents are already too familiar with the effects of rainfall flooding, and while the parish has been lucky to avoid major devastation from hurricanes, we know that it is only a question of 'when' – not 'if.' The recent close calls have demonstrated the potential for disaster here in St. Charles, which can only be avoided with appropriate protection in the form of a levee.**

**33. Please Explain Briefly Why this Project is a Meritorious Use of Taxpayer Dollars.**

**A hurricane protection levee would prevent disruption of the local and national economy as it relates to oil and gas production, chemical production, agricultural and fishing industry output and important transportation routes into the New Orleans area. It would also protect the property of about 30,000 people currently living on the West Bank of St. Charles Parish.**

**34. Quote** (Please include a quote from the appropriate member of your organization about the importance of this project. This quote will be used in press releases that are generated by our office):

**V.J. St. Pierre, St. Charles Parish President: "Hurricane protection for our West Bank has been a goal of administrations going back almost 20 years. The current state of our**

**economy and recent near-misses from dangerous storms show us that the time for action on a protection levee is now.”**

**35. Press Contact** (Appropriate contact within your organization for press. Please include name, email address and phone numbers, including a cell phone number):

**Renee Simpson  
Public Information Officer  
St. Charles Parish  
15045 River Road  
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Hahnville, LA 70057**

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**Local government (non-profit entity)**

**4. Location of Project (include address, city and parish if different from #3):**

**Not Applicable**

**5. Other Louisiana Parishes Benefiting from the Project:**

**Other Louisiana parishes that will benefit from this reimbursement, should Congress decide to appropriate the remaining \$14.8 million of unfunded reimbursable expenses, include: Jefferson, St. Bernard, and St. Tammany.**

**6. Economic Impact** (Briefly describe the economic impact of this effort in terms of the total number of jobs new and maintained, the type of jobs, and where those jobs are located. Please list direct and indirect jobs):

**Not Applicable**

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1625 Beulah Road  
Vienna, VA 22182-1920**

egler@egleassociates.com

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**11. Project Purpose – 250 Characters including spaces** (Concisely indicate the exact purpose of your project using 250 keystrokes or less):

**The purpose of this request is to provide funding to reimburse St. Charles and other New Orleans metropolitan area parishes for expenses for storm proofing pump stations, constructing safe houses, and interim flood control measures considered to be reimbursable by law.**

**12. Project Description – 250 Words** (Use up to 250 words to describe the project, what it will do, and why it is necessary. Describe the services, research, and/or products that will be provided and the identified military need it meets, if possible. This question is aimed at understanding the project and the reason for your request):

**Reimbursement for Storm Proofing Pump Stations, Constructing Safe Houses for Operators, and Other Interim Flood Control Measures**

On January 6, 2009, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) released a revised report, “Reimbursable Expenses Report For Storm Proofing Pump Stations, Constructing Safe Houses for Operators, and Other Interim Flood Control Measures”. The report contains a recommendation of the value of reimbursable expenses for the aforementioned activities in and around the New Orleans metropolitan area that are integral to the overall plan to ensure operability of the stations during hurricanes, storms and high water events and the flood control plan for the area. The USACE requested local parishes to submit expenses considered to be reimbursable under the laws cited in number 14 of this request. Approximately \$40.3 million of \$58.7 million in expenses that were submitted were recommended for reimbursement. Based on legal interpretation of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Supplemental language, approximately \$25.5 million of the \$40.3 million could be reimbursed out of current FC&CE funds. The remaining \$14.8 million of the \$40.3 million would require a future funding source (appropriation) to reimburse these funds, of which \$3,844,917.67 is due to St. Charles Parish. The table below shows the recommended funding sources for the reimbursable expenses:

Parish	Total Recommended Reimbursement	Reimbursed from Current FC&CE Funds	Reimbursed from Future Funding Source
Jefferson	\$36,185,581.83	\$25,452,488.99	\$10,733,092.84
Orleans	\$ 6,922.30	\$ 6,922.30	
St. Bernard	\$ 204,732.80		\$ 204,732.80
St. Charles	\$ 3,844,917.67		\$ 3,844,917.67
St. Tammany	\$ 28,564.25		\$ 28,564.25
Totals	\$40,270,718.85	\$25,459,411.29	\$14,811,307.56

**13. What Appropriation Bill and Agency are you seeking funds from?** The 13 appropriations bills/ subcommittees are (1) Agriculture and Rural Development; (2) Commerce, Justice, and Science; (3) Defense; (4) District of Columbia; (5) Energy and Water; (6) State and Foreign Operations; (7) Interior and EPA; (8) Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education; (9) Military Construction and Veterans Affairs; (10) Transportation and HUD, (11) Homeland Security, and (12) Financial Services/Small Business Administration.

For example: (8) LHHSE – Department of Education – FIE (Fund for Improvement of Education)

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**(5) Energy and Water – Department of Defense – Civil: Department of the Army: Corps of Engineers (USACE)**

**14. Is this Project Authorized?** If Yes, list Bill or Law Number and Section (mainly Army Corp of Engineers projects):

**Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act For Defense, The Global War on Terror, and Hurricane Recovery 2006 (P.L. 109-234), TitleII, Chapter 3, Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies (4<sup>th</sup> Supplemental) provides:**

**For an additional amount for “Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies”, as authorized by section 5 of the Act of August 18, 1941 (33 U.S.C. 701n), for necessary expenses relating to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes, \$3,145,024,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, ...\$250,000,000 shall be used for storm proofing interior pump stations to ensure the operability of the stations during hurricanes, storms, and high water events; ...*Provided further*, That any project using funds appropriated under this heading shall be initiated only after non-Federal interests have entered into binding agreements with the Secretary requiring the non-Federal interests to pay 100 percent of the operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, and rehabilitation costs of the project and to hold and save the United States free from damages due to the construction or operation and maintenance of the project, except for damages due to the fault or negligence of the United States or its contractors: ...**

**U.S. Troop Readiness, Veteran’s Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007 (Public Law 110-28), Title IV, Chapter 3, General Provisions (5<sup>th</sup> Supplemental) provides:**

**SEC. 4301. The Secretary is authorized and directed to determine the value of eligible reimbursable expenses incurred by local governments in storm proofing pumping stations, constructing safe houses for operators, and other interim flood control measures in and around the New Orleans metropolitan area that the Secretary determines to be integral to the overall plan to ensure operability of the stations during hurricanes, storms and high water events and the flood control plan for the area.**

**An Act Making Appropriations for Military Construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the Fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for Other Purposes (P.L. 110-252), Title III, Chapter 3, Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies (6<sup>th</sup> Supplemental) provides:**

**...For an additional amount for “Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies”, as authorized by section 5 of the Act of August 18, 1941 H.R. 2642-28 (33 U.S.C. 701n), for necessary expenses relating to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$2,926,000,000, to become available on October 1, 2008, and to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That funds provided herein shall be used to reduce the risk of hurricane and storm damages to the greater New Orleans metropolitan area, at full Federal expense, for the following: ...\$90,000,000 shall be used for storm proofing interior pump stations to ensure the operability of the stations during hurricanes, storms, and high water events: ... *Provided further*, That any project using funds appropriated under this heading shall be initiated only after non-Federal interests have entered into binding agreements with the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works requiring the non-Federal interests to pay 100 percent of the operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, and rehabilitation costs of completed elements and to hold and save the United States free from damages due to the fault or negligence of the United States or its contractors: *Provided further*, That the expenditure of funds as provided above may be made without regard to individual amounts or purposes except that any reallocation of funds that is necessary to accomplish the established goals is authorized subject to the approval of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.**

**Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-114), Title VII, Louisiana Coastal Area provides:**

**SEC. 7012. New Orleans and Vicinity (a) IN GENERAL-The Secretary is authorized to-  
...(7) perform one time storm proofing of interior pump stations to ensure the operability of the stations during hurricanes, storms, and high water events; ...”**

**An Act Making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes (P.L. 110-161), Section 2, Division C, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008, Title I, Department of Defense – Civil, Department of the Army (Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008) provides:**

**SEC. 118. The Secretary is authorized and directed to reimburse local governments for expenses they have incurred in storm proofing pumping stations, constructing safe houses for operators, and other interim flood control measures in and around the New Orleans metropolitan area, provided the Secretary determines those elements of work and related expenses to be integral to the overall plan to ensure operability of the stations during hurricanes, storms and high water events and the flood control plan for the area.**

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Supplemental provided authority and directed the Secretary of the Army to determine the value of eligible reimbursable expenses incurred by the local**

**governments in storm proofing pumping stations, constructing safe houses for operators, and other interim flood control measures in and around the New Orleans metropolitan area. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008 provided reimbursement authority that was previously lacking in the 5<sup>th</sup> Supplemental.**

**15. YOUR FY2011 REQUEST AMOUNT** (Indicate if in addition to President's Request and include a concise budget breakdown of the requested funding. For example, equipment \$40,000; computers \$3,000 etc):

**St. Charles Parish is requesting an appropriation of \$3,844,917.67 to reimburse the Parish for expenses for storm proofing pump stations, constructing safe houses, and interim flood control measures considered to be reimbursable by law. A breakdown of these expenses is shown below:**

<b>Storm Proofing Pump Stations</b>	<b>\$3,722,042.67</b>
<b>Construction of Safe Houses for Operators</b>	<b>109,050.00</b>
<b>Interim Flood Control Measures</b>	<b><u>13,825.00</u></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,844,917.67</b>

**16. FY10 President's Budget Amount** (if applicable): **Not applicable**

**17. Language Request** (State requested language for bill and/or report and label which one):

**18. Previous Federal Funding (Important).** Please indicate whether this project has received federal funding in the past. If so, what appropriation bill, reauthorization bill or government agency provided that funding? Also, include any federal grant funding received in the past.

**None**

**19. Previous State and Local Government Funding** (Received):

**St. Charles Parish has funded \$3,844,917.67 in expenses authorized for reimbursement as shown in the table in number 12.**

### **Additional Information—Project Support and Partnerships**

**20. Partners Working on this Project/Program** (Please list all private, local, state, federal and tribal partners. Please provide contact information, including a phone number for each partner):

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**21. If this Project Receives an Appropriation What Will the Division of Funds be Among the Partners?**

**Should Congress decide to appropriate \$3,844,917.67 to reimburse St. Charles Parish for its expenses that are considered to be reimbursable by law, 100% of the appropriation would be funded to St. Charles Parish.**

**22. Current Status of Project (Study/Planning, Engineering, Design/Construction):**

**Not Applicable**

**23. Current Phase this Funding is for (For Transportation or Water/Wastewater Projects):**

**Not Applicable**

**24. How will the project be evaluated and performance measured?**

**Not Applicable**

**25. Expected Completion Date of the Project:**

**Not Applicable**

**26. Total Estimated Cost of Project: \$3,844,917.67**

**27. Does the Funding Requested Complete the Project? (Y/N) Yes**

**28. If No, What are the Expected Future Appropriations Requests? Not Applicable**

**29. Other Members of Congress Receiving this Request:**

**Senator Landrieu, Congressman Alexander, Congressman Melancon, and Congressman Scalise**

**30. Additional Information or Comments:**

**31. Attachments (Letters of Recommendations from Local Beneficiaries are Preferred):**

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**This nearly \$4 million authorized reimbursement of Post-Katrina storm proofing and related expenses will allow St. Charles Parish to use the funding to focus on other pressing infrastructure needs, most notably drainage improvements. As a parish with more drainage improvement needs than funds to cover those needs, every little bit of funding helps. These drainage projects can include clearing canals, installing automatic bar screen cleaners, upgrading pumps, and the like. These are the projects that keep residents' homes dry on a day-to-day basis in the face of heavy rain events.**

**33. Please Explain Briefly Why this Project is a Meritorious Use of Taxpayer Dollars.**

**This authorized reimbursement funding will help local government focus efforts on additional drainage projects critical for the safety of parish residents and their property.**

**34. Quote** (Please include a quote from the appropriate member of your organization about the importance of this project. This quote will be used in press releases that are generated by our office):

**V.J. St. Pierre Jr., Parish President: "Hurricane readiness is extremely important, but often local governments don't have funding needed to make critical drainage improvements. Reimbursement funding like this will help the parish continue implementing needed drainage improvements."**

**35. Press Contact** (Appropriate contact within your organization for press. Please include name, email address and phone numbers, including a cell phone number):

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Hahnville, LA 70057**

**[rsimpson@stcharlesgov.net](mailto:rsimpson@stcharlesgov.net)**

**985-783-5183 Office  
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985-783-5005 Fax**



**State of Louisiana**

FY2011 Appropriations Request Form

**Instructions**

The following information must be received by **February 26, 2010** so that we have sufficient time to analyze the request, obtain additional information if required, and submit worthy project requests before the Appropriations Committee deadlines. Since all mail is delayed and scanned before delivery to the Capitol complex, requests should to be submitted electronically to ensure timeliness.

**Please e-mail the information as an attachment (preferably Word format) to Andrew Levert at [andrew\\_levert@vitter.senate.gov](mailto:andrew_levert@vitter.senate.gov) and to [vitter\\_projects@vitter.senate.gov](mailto:vitter_projects@vitter.senate.gov). Your subject line must read "FY11 Appropriations – Entity/Company/Vendor Name."**

Please fill out this form **in its entirety** and note that cell phone numbers must be included when you are providing contact information. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Senator Vitter's office at (202) 224-4623.

**\*\*\*Be advised: This form in its entirety could be made public.**

- 1. Date of Request: February 11, 2010**

**Project Information**

- 2. Project Name** (brief but descriptive title): **West Bank Deep Water Public Dock**

- 3. Project Funding Recipient** (organization name, address including parish, phone number and whether it is public, private or non-profit entity):

**Parish of St. Charles  
15045 River Road  
P.O. Box 302  
Hahnville, LA 70057  
985-783-5000**

**Local government (non-profit entity)**

- 4. Location of Project** (include address, city and parish if different from #3):

**The project is located on River Mile 131 near Killona, Louisiana in St. Charles Parish.**

- 5. Other Louisiana Parishes Benefiting from the Project:**

**The River Region and the Port of South Louisiana will receive the greatest economical benefits. However, the entire New Orleans Metropolitan Statistical Area and the State of Louisiana will benefit by increasing intermodal development opportunities, leading to further private investment and job opportunities in the region.**

**6. Economic Impact** (Briefly describe the economic impact of this effort in terms of the total number of jobs new and maintained, the type of jobs, and where those jobs are located. Please list direct and indirect jobs):

**The table below provides an estimate of direct jobs that the Southern Recycling (SoRec) facility will provide. These jobs are primarily industrial and are not conventional port jobs. It is estimated that 619 indirect jobs will be created by the SoRec facility. SoRec's current facility on the Industrial Canal in New Orleans can no longer access deep draft vessels and its other traditional scrap metal recycling operations are severely restricted by the U.S. Coast Guard during hurricane season due to the company's current location on the Industrial Canal. Therefore, the direct jobs, and potentially all associated indirect jobs, at this facility would likely relocate outside of Louisiana if this project is not funded.**

**Employment at Southern Recycling**

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Employed Persons (FTE)</b>
<b>Managerial/Professional (\$80,000 +)</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Supervisory/Skilled (\$54,000 +)</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Semi-skilled/Clerical (\$39,000 +)</b>	<b>202</b>

**7. Louisiana Point of Contact for Project Funding Recipient** (include name, title, address, business and cell phone numbers, e-mail address):

**Holly Fonseca, Grants Officer  
St. Charles Parish  
Grants Office  
15045 River Road  
P.O. Box 302  
Hahnville, LA 70057**

**hfonseca@stcharlesgov.net**

**985-783-5170 Office  
504-453-7878 Cell  
985-783-2187 Fax**

**8. Head of your Organization** (mayor, executive, president, CEO, etc., include name, address, business and cell phone numbers and e-mail address):

**V.J. St. Pierre, Jr.  
Parish President  
St. Charles Parish  
15045 River Road**

**P.O. Box 302  
Hahnville, LA 70057**

**vj@stcharlesgov.net**

**985-783-5000 Office  
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985-783-5005 Fax**

**9. D.C. Point of Contact** (This is typically your D.C. - area government advocate. If applicable, include name, address, business and cell phone numbers and e-mail address):

**Richard “Dick” Eglé  
Eglé Associates  
1625 Beulah Road  
Vienna, VA 22182-1920**

**egler@egleassociates.com**

**703-319-2276 Office  
703-402-7602 Cell  
703-319-2283 Fax**

**11. Project Purpose – 250 Characters including spaces** (Concisely indicate the exact purpose of your project using 250 keystrokes or less):

**The construction of the West Bank Deep Water Public Dock will help facilitate the forced relocation of Southern Recycling due to the closure of the MRGO, thereby retaining and creating jobs, as well as increasing intermodal development opportunities.**

**12. Project Description – 250 Words** (Use up to 250 words to describe the project, what it will do, and why it is necessary. Describe the services, research, and/or products that will be provided and the identified military need it meets, if possible. This question is aimed at understanding the project and the reason for your request):

### **West Bank Deep Water Public Dock**

**The Port of South Louisiana in conjunction with St. Charles Parish and South Recycling (SoRec) is proposing to construct a dock on River Mile 131, near Killona, Louisiana, on the west bank of the Mississippi River. The 1,000 feet long by 85 feet wide dock will be leased to SoRec for their use in conjunction with a scrap metal recycling facility across the levee in Killona, which will be constructed if this project is funded. On the river side, the dock will service Panamax-class ships and ocean-going barges. Barges will be moored on the dock’s batture side. A 35 feet wide access bridge will provide two-way access to the dock from the batture and connect to the dock’s mid-length point allowing for use by two tenants simultaneously. The dock’s river side fender line will be positioned at the 45 feet river bottom contour to allow for berthing of Panamax-class ships. A gantry crane will be**

installed on the dock for use in the unloading/loading of incoming/outgoing scrap steel for Southern Recycling, as well as to service other tenants. A barge haul winch system will also be installed on the rear side of the dock. The dock's proposed 85 feet width will accommodate two-way, large dump truck traffic while the gantry crane operates. An elevated roadway across the batture will provide access to the dock from LA 18 (River Road). Access to the dock will also be provided by a bridge from SoRec's property.

**13. What Appropriation Bill and Agency are you seeking funds from?** The 13 appropriations bills/ subcommittees are (1) Agriculture and Rural Development; (2) Commerce, Justice, and Science; (3) Defense; (4) District of Columbia; (5) Energy and Water; (6) State and Foreign Operations; (7) Interior and EPA; (8) Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education; (9) Military Construction and Veterans Affairs; (10) Transportation and HUD, (11) Homeland Security, and (12) Financial Services/Small Business Administration.

For example: (8) LHHSE – Department of Education – FIE (Fund for Improvement of Education)

This information can be found by searching the appropriation bills located on <http://thomas.loc.gov> . If you have questions on how to do this, please feel free to contact one of the offices listed below.

**(2) Commerce, Justice, and Science – Department of Commerce – Economic Development Administration or**

**(5) Energy and Water - Department of Defense – Civil: Department of the Army: Corps of Engineers (USACE)**

**14. Is this Project Authorized?** If Yes, list Bill or Law Number and Section (mainly Army Corp of Engineers projects):

**H.R. 1495 “Water Resources Development Act of 2007” (WRDA) Sec. 3082 Mississippi River-Gulf Outlet Relocation Assistance, Louisiana, authorized to be appropriated to the Assistant Secretary of Economic Development \$75M, to remain available until expended, to support the relocation of Port of New Orleans deep draft facilities from the Mississippi River-Gulf Outlet (MRGO).**

The closure of the MRGO has been the catalyst for the proposed project. Southern Recycling (SoRec) is a major recycler of metal and a long time tenant of the Port of New Orleans. It is now a subsidiary of European Metal Recycling Ltd. (EMR), one of the world's largest recycling companies. SoRec has been forced to relocate the majority of its Industrial Canal operations due to the closure of the MRGO which resulted in SoRec's inability to handle large ship recycling operations due to the loss of deepwater draft access. This Federal Appropriations Request is a request for the appropriation of funds authorized in WRDA 2007 to support the relocation of the SoRec deep draft facility from the MRGO to the proposed location on the Mississippi River in Killona, Louisiana. The new deep draft facility will be available for use by many companies.

**15. YOUR FY2011 REQUEST AMOUNT** (Indicate if in addition to President’s Request and include a concise budget breakdown of the requested funding. For example, equipment \$40,000; computers \$3,000 etc):

**The amount requested for FY 2011 to supplement funding for the project is \$20 million. A budget for the project is shown below.**

<b>St. Charles Parish West Bank Deep Water Public Dock</b>	<b>FY 2011 Federal Appropriations Request</b>	<b>State/Local/ Private Funding Sources</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Access Road and Levee Bridge</b>	\$ -	\$ 18,000,000	\$ 18,000,000
<b>Slip</b>	\$ -	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 3,500,000
<b>Dock</b>	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 15,000,000	\$ 35,000,000
<b>Dock Gantry Crane</b>	\$ -	\$ 15,000,000	\$ 15,000,000
<b>Total Estimated Project Cost</b>	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 51,500,000	\$ 71,500,000

**16. FY10 President’s Budget Amount** (if applicable): **Not applicable**

**17. Language Request** (State requested language for bill and/or report and label which one):

**18. Previous Federal Funding (Important).** Please indicate whether this project has received federal funding in the past. If so, what appropriation bill, reauthorization bill or government agency provided that funding? Also, include any federal grant funding received in the past.

None

**19. Previous State and Local Government Funding** (Received):

**The Port of South Louisiana will contribute \$15 million over a 3 year period towards the construction of the dock through Louisiana’s Port Priority Program. The Louisiana Legislature approved a Capital Outlay request of \$18 million during its last session for construction of the elevated roadway access to the dock. Southern Recycling will fund approximately \$18.5 million to complete the construction and equipping of the waterfront infrastructure. Additionally, Southern Recycling will fund approximately \$55 million to complete “dry side” terminal improvements.**

### **Additional Information—Project Support and Partnerships**

**20. Partners Working on this Project/Program** (Please list all private, local, state, federal and tribal partners. Please provide contact information, including a phone number for each partner):

**V.J. St. Pierre, Jr.**

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Executive Director  
Port of South Louisiana  
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LaPlace, LA 70069-0909**

**985-652-9278 Office  
985-652-9518 Fax**

**Joel Dupre  
President  
Southern Recycling – EMR  
902 Julia Street  
New Orleans, LA 70113**

**504-636-7200 Office  
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**21. If this Project Receives an Appropriation What Will the Division of Funds be Among the Partners?**

**Should this project receive an appropriation, the recipient of 100% of the appropriation would be the Parish of St. Charles.**

**22. Current Status of Project (Study/Planning, Engineering, Design/Construction):**

**Design/Construction – A permit application for the project has been submitted to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and is currently under review. The Corps has been unable to visit the batture site due to the high stage of the Mississippi River and therefore, has been unable to finalize approval of the permit.**

**23. Current Phase this Funding is for (For Transportation or Water/Wastewater Projects):**

**This appropriation will be used to supplement other funds to complete the construction of the dock.**

**24. How will the project be evaluated and performance measured?**

**This project will be evaluated based upon the successful completion of construction of the facility, as well as the number of jobs created/retained as a result.**

**25. Expected Completion Date of the Project:**

**The expected completion date of the project is 14-18 months from the receipt of the appropriated funding.**

**26. Total Estimated Cost of Project:**

**Cost estimates for the waterfront infrastructure total \$71.5 million. St. Charles Parish is requesting \$20 million to complete the construction of the dock.**

**27. Does the Funding Requested Complete the Project? (Y/N) Yes**

**28. If No, What are the Expected Future Appropriations Requests? Not Applicable**

**29. Other Members of Congress Receiving this Request:**

**Senator Landrieu, Congressman Alexander, Congressman Melancon, and Congressman Scalise**

**30. Additional Information or Comments:**

**31. Attachments (Letters of Recommendations from Local Beneficiaries are Preferred):**

- If you are requesting water and/or wastewater assistance, please fill out the attached EPA/STAG form.

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**The construction of a deep-water port in Killona will not only retain jobs for Louisiana residents, but will create over 600 jobs for local residents in the River Parishes region, with the possibility for future expansion. The project will be a critical investment in the state and region's economic future. This ideal location is adjacent to existing business and industry, with easy access to both the Port of South Louisiana and the Port of New Orleans.**

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**The deep-water port project's effects will be direct and results-driven. The area will realize many economic benefits almost immediately after completion – including job retention and creation.**

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