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Office of Policy and Budget
Office of the Governor
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Ms. Espy,

On behalf of the Gulf Consortium (the "Consortium"), I am pleased to submit to you the Final Stand-Up State Expenditure Plan, which outlines how the Consortium proposes to develop the administrative and financial architecture necessary to implement the State Expenditure Plan (the 69 projects selected for Pot 3 funding). The latter plan is currently in its public comment period.

Pursuant to Section 7 of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Consortium and the State of Florida, after adoption by the Consortium and 90 days prior to being submitted to Council, the Consortium is to provide the Plan to the Governor for review. Within 30 days, the Governor is to submit comments, if any, to the Consortium and the Consortium has 30 days from receipt of the Governor's comments to revise the State Expenditure Plan. The Consortium shall then transmit the revised State Expenditure Plan back to the Governor for submittal to the Council for approval.

The Consortium approved the Final Stand-Up State Expenditure Plan at its February 8th, 2018 meeting. The Consortium worked closely with RESTORE Council, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to modify and clarify the text of the Stand-Up State Expenditure Plan. We have provided opportunity for public input and have received comments from several counties, citizens, and the Board of the Consortium itself. We believe the Stand-Up State Expenditure Plan will meet Council's approval and will allow the Consortium to expeditiously implement Florida's Pot 3 projects.

We look forward to receiving any comments your office may have and promptly responding to them.

Sincerely,

Grover Robinson IV,
Chair, Gulf Consortium