



**U.S. Army Corps  
of Engineers**

**Galveston District  
Southwestern Division**

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**Houston Ship Channel Expansion Channel  
Improvement Project, Harris, Chambers,  
and Galveston Counties, Texas**

**Final Integrated Feasibility Report–Environmental  
Impact Statement**

**APPENDIX U**

**NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR LETTERS**

January 2020

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**PORT HOUSTON™**  
THE INTERNATIONAL PORT OF TEXAS

November 18, 2019

Colonel Timothy Vail  
Commander, Galveston District  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
2000 Fort Point Road  
Galveston, Texas 77550

Dear Colonel Vail,

As the Non-Federal Sponsor of the Houston Ship Channel, the Port of Houston Authority (Port Houston) formally submits its support for the construction of all components of the Recommended Plan as described in the Final Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement for the Houston Ship Channel Expansion Channel Improvement Project.

This endorsement in no way modifies the Port Authority's assertion that the Locally Preferred Plan should have been included in the National Economic Development Plan. This assertion is supported by the Sponser's Views appendix of the final report.

Port Houston appreciates our continuing partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in implementing this nationally-significant and beneficial project.

Sincerely,

Roger Guenther  
Executive Director

cc: Rich Byrnes, Chief Infrastructure Officer

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**NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR'S  
SELF-CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL CAPABILITY  
FOR DECISION DOCUMENTS**

I, Tim Finley, do hereby certify that I am the Chief Financial Officer for the Port of Houston Authority of Harris County, Texas (the "Non-Federal Sponsor"); that I am aware of the financial obligations of the Non-Federal Sponsor for the Houston Ship Channel Expansion Channel Improvement Project (HSC ECIP); and that the Non-Federal Sponsor will have the financial capability to satisfy the Non-Federal Sponsor's obligations for that project. I understand that the Government's acceptance of this self-certification shall not be construed as obligating either the Government or the Non-Federal Sponsor to implement a project.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have made and executed this certification this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.

BY: 

TITLE: Chief Financial Officer

DATE: January 28, 2020