

# *Industrial Development Board*

*City of Jackson*

*400 Commerce Street  
Jackson, Alabama 36545*

April 1, 2020


Mr. Kenneth Boswell  
Director  
Alabama Department of Economic  
and Community Affairs  
Post Office Box 5690  
Montgomery, AL 36103

Dear Director Boswell,

Please find enclosed an application for the second round of inland port funding for the Port Authority of the City of Jackson. This project is vital to the city's port and economic development in the area.

Thank you for your consideration of this project. If you should have any questions or need additional information, do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,



Grady Bedwell

**Port Authority of the City of Jackson  
Alabama Inland Port Infrastructure Program  
Grant Application-Second Round**

## **2019 Grant Application**

APPLICANTS MUST USE THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION FORMAT, COMPLETE IT IN ITS ENTIRETY, AND LABEL ATTACHMENTS AS INSTRUCTED. FAILURE TO DO SO, MAY RESULT IN A LOSS OF POINTS.

### **Applicant Information**

Project Name: **Port of Jackson Dredging**

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Legal Name of Entity: **Port Authority of the City of Jackson (City of Jackson Industrial Development Board)**

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Mailing Address: **PO Box 1096 Jackson, AL 36545**

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Name and Title of CEO: **Grady Bedwell, Chairman**

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Name and Title of Contact: **Brandy Wilkerson, Planning Director- Alabama Tombigbee Regional Commission**

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Phone Number and Email of Contact: **334-682-4234 / brandy.wilkerson@atrc.net**

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### **Project Description**

Please complete the following section. Any attachments shall be titled Attachment A, Project Description.

- 1. 10 Points - A detailed discussion of the project including specific project activities to be completed, location, and quantifiable benefits to be accomplished.**

The Port of Jackson is located on the Tennessee-Tombigbee waterway in southern Clarke County. The port is located at 500 River Park Drive. The City of Jackson formed the Port Authority of the City of Jackson to manage the port. The Authority was formed under the city's industrial development board. The Authority's purpose is providing ancillary port infrastructure to accommodate berthing, docking, terminal facilities, and transloading/ temporary storage areas for industrial users requiring port-related facilities.

The berth at the port is in need of dredging. Dredging was last completed eight years ago. Sedimentation since the last dredging has necessitated dredging the berth again. By dredging the berth, the Port Authority can maintain the appropriate width and depth for enabling the safe, unobstructed passage of cargo. Without the dredging, operational problems and vessel groundings will occur.

Attachment A contains an aerial photo of the port with the area where the dredging will occur outlined.

**2. 20 Points - A discussion of how the project meets one or more of the program priority areas. This section shall also include a discussion of the review process completed prior to application submission. Preliminary concurrence from applicable authorities and departments is a requirement of the application. All applicants claiming to meet one or more of the program priority areas must provide verifiable documentation of one or more of the following:**

- **The applicant proposes measurable and proven activities that will reduce congestion on public highways,**
- **The applicant proposes measurable and proven activities that will increase tonnage at port facilities, and/or**
- **The applicant proposes to enhance regional competitiveness for port operators and users.**

Dredging of the berth is now essential. Sediment in the berth is causing safety concerns and limiting tonnage. The need for dredging is negatively affecting the city's marketing of the adjacent industrial site to prospects. Both of these concerns are affecting the City of Jackson's economy. The Port Authority will coordinate all work through the necessary regulatory agencies, including the Corps of Engineers. The project will be procured and implemented complying with all regulations.

The berth is in dire need of dredging, which restricts the port's tonnage significantly. As sedimentation continues, the berth will become unnavigable and dredging will be more costly. Currently, the need for dredging is posing safety risk for users and restricts the type/number of users.

The proposed project will enhance the regional competitiveness for port operators and users. The Jackson Port is the only port on the Tombigbee River between Demopolis and Mobile. The City of Jackson Port Authority manages the port, which is owned by the Jackson Industrial Development Board. Adjacent to the port is the Jackson River Road Industrial Site which has forty-four available acres. The port/site is in an enterprise zone which makes it desirable due to the availability of certain tax incentives to corporations, partnerships and proprietorships that locate or expand within designated areas. In recent years numerous industries, including wood pellet producers, have shown interest in the site. Dredging of the berth has been a significant obstacle to landing an industrial prospect at the port. Dredging the berth will enhance the economic competitiveness of the site and the area.

**3. 10 Points - A discussion of the applicant's technical and managerial capabilities to complete the project within two years of the effective date of the grant award.**

The Port Authority of the City of Jackson has both the technical and managerial capabilities to complete the proposed project within two years of the effective date of the grant award. The Port Authority is a subdivision of the city government. The city has successfully managed and implemented projects from programs including Community Development

Block Grant (CDBG), Delta Regional Authority States Economic Development Program (SEDAP), ALDOT Industrial Access, Transportation Enhancement, and numerous other programs. The city will follow its procurement procedures to implement the improvements. The city and Port Authority is audited each year by an independent auditor.

**4. 10 Points – The applicant shall identify from the list below, how the applicant meets the eligibility requirement. Please include documentation that the applicant is eligible to apply for the funds.**

- Port authorities
- Port commissions
- Subdivisions and agents under existing authority
- Political subdivision of a local government
- Tribal government
- Public agency
- Publicly chartered authority established by the state.

The Authority falls under 2016 Code of Alabama, Title 11 - COUNTIES AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS; Title 3 - PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO COUNTIES AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS; Chapter 94 - PORT AUTHORITIES.

**Project Budget**

**This section is worth up to 50 points. Points will be awarded based on verifiable information**

Please complete the following section. Any attachments shall be titled Attachment B, Project Budget. Please note that a 20% match is required for all projects; however, additional points can be earned throughout this section for all applicants who commit to provide additional matching funds.

**1. 5 Points - Please complete the table below. The total grant amount cannot exceed the lesser of 80% of total project costs.**

Total Project Cost	\$250,000.00
20% of Total Project Cost (match)	\$50,000.00
80% of Project Total (maximum grant)	\$200,000.00
<b>Total Grant Amount Requested</b>	<b>\$250,000.00</b>

**2. 20 Points - Please provide a detailed project budget narrative to include itemized eligible project expenses. Generally, eligible expenses will be limited to infrastructure funds for inland port capital improvement initiatives that include but are not limited to funds used to facilitate and coordinate inland port development, improvement, maintenance, onsite storage, moorings, and construction.**

**Funding shall not be approved for routine maintenance, administrative and operational expenses, debt service, or for the dredging of waterways within the state that are not in the immediate vicinity of an inland port facility. Additionally, the use of funding to establish or construct new inland ports, or to acquire land shall not be eligible for funding unless a feasibility study and competitive analysis has been performed and submitted for review to ADECA.**

The proposed project consists of dredging the berth at the Port of Jackson. The project budget includes fees for engineering, permits, and dredging.

- 3. 10 Points - Please identify the source and amount of matching funds. Appropriate resolutions and/or financial documents should be included. Any additional expenses associated with the project, but not part of the grant budget, should be included.**

Matching funds will be provided by the Port Authority of the City of Jackson. Minutes from the Port Authority of the City of Jackson's November 7, 2019 meeting are included with this application. The minutes indicate that a motion passed authorizing applying for ADECA port grants up to \$350,000.00 and committing to a 20% match. Minutes from the Authority's December 9, 2019 meeting are also included, these minutes also indicate the Authority voted to commit a 20% match.

- 4. 5 Points - A discussion of any other funds associated with the project, but not included in the budget.**


The City of Jackson Industrial Development Board in conjunction with the City of Jackson have approved the issue of bonds in the total amount of \$1,905,000.00. These funds will be used by the IDB to fund economic development projects and improvements.

The Authority has received \$120,000.00 in ADECA Inland Port First Round funding. This funding is being utilized to replace inoperable and obsolete barge tuggers at the port. The Authority committed to a 20% match for this project.

5. 10 Points - Please complete the following table.

Budget Item	Funding Amount and Source		Total
	Grant	Match	
Engineering/Design	\$ -	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 24,000.00
Permits	\$ -	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00
<b>Construction</b>	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 213,500.00
Materials	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Labor	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Other</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Labor	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 250,000.00



 Area to be dredged





# State of Alabama Disclosure Statement

Required by Article 3B of Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975

**ENTITY COMPLETING FORM**

Port Authority of the City of Jackson

**ADDRESS**

PO Box 1096

**CITY, STATE, ZIP**

Jackson, AL 36545

**TELEPHONE NUMBER**

251-246-2461

**STATE AGENCY/DEPARTMENT THAT WILL RECEIVE GOODS, SERVICES, OR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR GRANT AWARD**

Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

**ADDRESS**

PO Box 5690

**CITY, STATE, ZIP**

Montgomery, AL 36103

**TELEPHONE NUMBER**

334-242-5292

This form is provided with:

- Contract   
  Proposal   
  Request for Proposal   
  Invitation to Bid   
  Grant Proposal

Have you or any of your partners, divisions, or any related business units previously performed work or provided goods to any State Agency/Department in the current or last fiscal year?

- Yes   
  No

If yes, identify below the State Agency/Department that received the goods or services, the type(s) of goods or services previously provided, and the amount received for the provision of such goods or services.

STATE AGENCY/DEPARTMENT	TYPE OF GOODS/SERVICES	AMOUNT RECEIVED
N/A		

Have you or any of your partners, divisions, or any related business units previously applied and received any grants from any State Agency/Department in the current or last fiscal year?

- Yes   
  No

If yes, identify the State Agency/Department that awarded the grant, the date such grant was awarded, and the amount of the grant.

STATE AGENCY/DEPARTMENT	DATE GRANT AWARDED	AMOUNT OF GRANT
N/A		

1. List below the name(s) and address(es) of all public officials/public employees with whom you, members of your immediate family, or any of your employees have a family relationship and who may directly personally benefit financially from the proposed transaction. Identify the State Department/Agency for which the public officials/public employees work. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

NAME OF PUBLIC OFFICIAL/EMPLOYEE	ADDRESS	STATE DEPARTMENT/AGENCY
N/A		

2. List below the name(s) and address(es) of all family members of public officials/public employees with whom you, members of your immediate family, or any of your employees have a family relationship and who may directly personally benefit financially from the proposed transaction. Identify the public officials/public employees and State Department/Agency for which the public officials/public employees work. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

NAME OF FAMILY MEMBER	ADDRESS	NAME OF PUBLIC OFFICIAL/ PUBLIC EMPLOYEE	STATE DEPARTMENT/ AGENCY WHERE EMPLOYED
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N/A

If you identified individuals in items one and/or two above, describe in detail below the direct financial benefit to be gained by the public officials, public employees, and/or their family members as the result of the contract, proposal, request for proposal, invitation to bid, or grant proposal. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

N/A

Describe in detail below any indirect financial benefits to be gained by any public official, public employee, and/or family members of the public official or public employee as the result of the contract, proposal, request for proposal, invitation to bid, or grant proposal. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)


N/A

List below the name(s) and address(es) of all paid consultants and/or lobbyists utilized to obtain the contract, proposal, request for proposal, invitation to bid, or grant proposal:

NAME OF PAID CONSULTANT/LOBBYIST	ADDRESS
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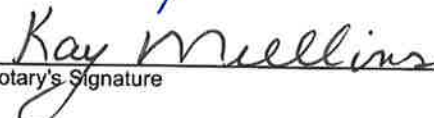
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By signing below, I certify under oath and penalty of perjury that all statements on or attached to this form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that a civil penalty of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the transaction, not to exceed \$10,000.00, is applied for knowingly providing incorrect or misleading information.

  
Signature

Date

4/11/2020

  
Notary's Signature

Date

4/11/20

My Commission Expires

07/20/2023

Date Notary Expires

Article 3B of Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975 requires the disclosure statement to be completed and filed with all proposals, bids, contracts, or grant proposals to the State of Alabama in excess of \$5,000.