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MMS Approves \$383,000 Grant for Coastal Database Project

State of Texas to receive CIAP grant for digital aerial photography acquisition

NEW ORLEANS – The Minerals Management Service (MMS) has awarded a grant for \$383,313 to the State of Texas through the Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) for the development of a Digital Aerial Photography database and storage system of the Texas coast.

Grant funding for the project will provide for the acquisition, storage, and distribution of up-to-date digital aerial photographs of coastal Texas. The database is expected to assist the state in its record-keeping activities regarding coastal wetland conservation and restoration projects.

“MMS is proud to partner with Texas in its vital coastal restoration efforts through the CIAP program,” said MMS Gulf of Mexico Regional Director Lars Herbst. “We are committed to assisting the coastal states in supporting important conservation projects that will help enhance and protect the environment.”

The CIAP was created by the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Through the program, MMS will provide \$250 million in grants annually, from 2007-2010, to six eligible Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas producing states – Texas, Alabama, Alaska, California, Louisiana, and Mississippi. The funding to Texas totals \$168.4 million for fiscal years 2007 to 2010. This includes \$48.6 million for each of the fiscal years 2007 and 2008 and \$35.6 million for 2009 and 2010. Eighteen Coastal Political Subdivisions (counties) share in the funding of projects outlined in the state’s approved plan.

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