

Executive Order

Establishing the Coordinator of Federal Support for the Environmental and Economic Recovery of the Gulf Coast Region, the Gulf Coast Civic Works Council and Authorizing Civic Works Projects in Response to the 2010 Gulf Coast Oil Drilling Disaster

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and to further strengthen Federal support for the just, equitable and complete recovery and rebuilding of Gulf Coast region affected by oil drilling disaster of 2010, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Policy. It is the policy of the United States to provide effective, integrated, and fiscally responsible support from across the Federal Government to support State, local, and tribal governments, the private sector, and faith-based and other community humanitarian relief organizations in the complete recovery of the Gulf Coast region and communities following the 2010 oil drilling disaster (the "Federal Response").

Sec. 2. Establishment of Coordinator. The Secretary of Homeland Security (Secretary) shall establish in the Department of Homeland Security the position of Coordinator of Federal Support for the Environmental and Economic Recovery of the Gulf Coast Region (Coordinator). The Coordinator shall be selected by the President and shall be appointed by and report directly to the Secretary. The Secretary shall make available to the Coordinator such personnel, funds, and other resources as may be appropriate to enable the Coordinator to carry out the Coordinator's mission.

Sec. 3. Mission and Functions of Coordinator. The Coordinator's mission shall be to work with executive departments and agencies to ensure the proper implementation of the policy set forth in section 1 of this order by coordinating the Federal Response. The Coordinator shall be the principal point of contact for the President and his senior advisors with respect to the Federal Response. Working with the input of all appropriate heads of executive departments and agencies, the Coordinator shall lead the process to develop the principles governing and define the goals of the Federal Response and shall communicate those principles and goals to all Federal officials involved in the Federal Response. The Coordinator shall carry out the following functions:

- (a) Working with the input of all appropriate heads of executive departments and agencies, state and local governments, the private sector and community organizations, the Coordinator shall coordinate the resources of Federal agencies with State and local governments and private industry in order to implement environmental and economic policies and programs involved in the federal response. The Coordinator shall lead the development and monitor the implementation of the specific policies and programs that constitute the Federal Response, and ensure that those policies and programs are consistent with the principles and goals of the Federal Response.
- (b) Working with the input of all appropriate heads of executive departments and agencies, state and local governments, the Gulf Coast Environmental and Economic Recovery Council, and community organizations, the Coordinator shall coordinate the federal resources necessary to carry out Gulf Coast Civic Works Projects ("Civic Works Projects") to incentivize local workers and businesses to participate in the recovery effort and to create job opportunities for those whose livelihoods have been impacted by the oil drilling disaster.

- (c) Working with the input of all appropriate heads of executive departments and agencies, the Coordinator shall establish uniform training and health safety protocols to ensure the safety of workers involved in environmental restoration projects. The Coordinator shall monitor the implementation of these safety protocols, and ensure that the protocols are enforced by appropriate industries and government agencies.
- (d) Working with the input of all appropriate heads of executive departments and agencies, state and local workforce development organizations, the private sector and community organizations, the Coordinator shall establish hiring, wage and payment protocols for businesses involved in the federal response to ensure fair employment practices and efficient payments for services. The Coordinator shall monitor the implementation of these employment protocols, and ensure that the protocols are enforced by appropriate industries and government agencies.
- (e) The Coordinator shall serve as the primary point of contact within the executive branch with the Congress, State and local governments, the private sector, and the public regarding the Federal Response. Working with the input of all appropriate heads of executive departments and agencies, and other government and private sector partners, the Coordinator shall be responsible for managing information flow, requests for actions, and discussions regarding the Federal Response with the Congress, State and local governments, the private sector, and the public.

Sec. 4. Establishment of Gulf Coast Environmental and Economic Recovery Council. I hereby establish within the Office of Federal Support for the Recovery and Rebuilding of the Gulf Coast Region the Environmental and Economic Recovery Council (the "Council"), which shall be responsible for advising and assisting the Coordinator with respect to environmental and economic impact of the oil drilling disaster. The Council shall serve also as the regional coordinating body for planning and administering Gulf Coast Civic Works Projects for the environmental and economic recovery of the Gulf Coast region, and shall have the responsibilities, duties, and powers established herein.

Sec. 5. Composition of the Council. The Council shall be comprised of at least 10 and no more than 20 Gulf Coast people affected by the oil drilling disaster and their advocates. At least two people from each Gulf Coast state (Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas) shall sit on the Council. In addition, each state shall select one State government official to be part of the Council. Not more than half of the members of the Council may be affiliated with any one political party. Each member of the Council must be a resident of the towns or municipalities within the region he or she represents. Each member shall have one vote except the Coordinator, whose function shall be advisory except in the event of a tie vote. The Council shall have gender, age, ethnic and racial diversity reflective of the Gulf Coast communities affected by the oil spill, and shall have diverse experience and knowledge representative of all the issues related to environmental and economic recovery.

Sec. 6. Gulf Coast Civic Works Projects. The Council shall work with local communities and industries to coordinate Gulf Coast Civic Works Projects ("Civic Works Projects) for the protection and complete recovery of the environment and regional economy. The Council shall carry out Civic Works Projects to ensure: equitable revitalization of all communities impacted by the Gulf Coast oil spill; protection for Gulf Coast communities from future disasters; workforce development by coordinating existing resources and programs; access to job-training and apprenticeship opportunities; access to supplemental services so community members can participate fully in employment and job-training opportunities; conservation and preservation of natural undeveloped areas, wildlife, flora and habitats for endangered species; restoration of coastal resources; protection of groundwater, surface water, ocean water quality and fisheries, as well as the other natural resources of the Gulf Coast; promotion of energy conservation and

emerging industries with the goal of providing better environmental standards for the construction, rehabilitation, and maintenance of buildings and use of energy; and the preservation of historical, cultural, archaeological, architectural, and recreational values. After identifying areas of the Gulf Coast region that are in need of Civic Works projects, the Council shall coordinate existing resources to ensure that projects are carried out in compliance with local and regional plans. Where no such projects exist, the Council may, subject to available funds, establish and fund such projects. In establishing any project under this section, the Council shall approve all necessary agencies and contractors to carry out such projects based on a sealed open bid process.

Sec. 7. Environmental Protection. The Council may propose the designation of certain areas which are of critical value to the region as districts of critical planning concern that must be preserved and maintained due to one or more of the following factors: the presence of significant natural, coastal, scientific, cultural, architectural, archaeological, historic, economic or recreational resources or values of state-wide, regional or national significance; the presence of substantial areas of sensitive ecological conditions which render the area unsuitable for development; or the presence or proposed establishment of a major capital public facility or area of public investment.

Sec. 8. Continuing Authorities. This order does not alter the existing authorities of United States Government departments and agencies. All executive departments and agencies are directed to assist the Council and the Assistant in carrying out the purposes of this order.

BARACK OBAMA
THE WHITE HOUSE,
June 28, 2010.