

Memo to: Board of Directors

From: Chuck Etwert

Subject: Program Status Report for November 2022

Date: November 14, 2022

#### 500-Year Authorized Level Status

# Wood River Levee System

Bid Package 8 is under construction (by USACE) and, by request, the FPD Council recently agreed to perform some relief well construction oversight. The relief well construction is currently underway. WSP will bring a contract modification for this work at a later date when the extent of the construction involvement is better defined and able to be estimated.

Relief Well Package 2 land acquisition coordination with landowners, USACE, and stakeholders is ongoing.

Relief Well Package 3 land acquisition continues with completion anticipated by the end of 2022.

On October 17, 2022, USACE has approved our first LERRDs submittal in the amount of \$696,876.85.

WSP submitted the second Work In-Kind Credit request for Wood River on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, for \$1,948,785.47.

WSP continues to wait for a decision from USACE regarding their November 17<sup>th</sup> letter requesting approval for the FPD Council to construct another Work In-Kind project, Bid Package #9. The Corps requested additional information regarding project scope and schedule. A schedule was submitted to USACE on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Work In-Kind credit of \$16,041,496 has been approved to date for the Wood River Levee System.

# MESD Levee System

WSP continues to work with USACE and Keller Construction on review of pre-construction submittals and requests for information (RFIs) on Bid Package 11.

Land acquisition from Terminal Railroad Association (TRRA) is still ongoing; once complete, Bid Package 14B will be issued to USACE for Biddability, Constructability, Operability, Environmental and Sustainability (BCOES) review. After the BCOES review is complete, Bid Package 14B will be advertised and issued for bid.

Land acquisition for the USACE-designed and constructed Bid Package 14C is anticipated to begin early in 2023, and includes several large parcels of agricultural land along the north flank of MESD in Madison County, IL, near South Roxana and Edwardsville. In the next several weeks WSP will begin material testing of the dredge material that America's Central Port made available for the seepage berms in Bid Package 14C.

Bid Package #18A – Wood is waiting for comments regarding the draft flow study report submitted to USACE on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Preliminary estimated construction cost is \$8,800,000.

Land acquisition also continues along the MESD-owned levee system.

USACE has issued comments on the first Lands, Easements, Rights-of-Way, Relocation, Disposal Areas (LERRDs) submittal for the East St. Louis Levee System submitted to USACE on June 2, 2022. WSP is addressing those comments as appropriate. The total amount requested for credit is \$1,733,030.54.

Work In-Kind Credit Requests #3, #4, #5 & #6 have also been submitted to USACE. The total amount of these requests for credit is \$12,287,134

Work In-Kind credit of \$11,887,414.07 has been approved to date for the MESD Levee System.

### Prairie Du Pont/Fish Lake Levee Systems

WSP submitted the 30% Bid Package 15 design documents for Section 408 review on September 16. USACE is still reviewing and no comments have been received as of Nov. 10. Our schedule provided for the review, comments, and comment response to be completed by Nov. 4, so at this stage we are projected to be at least 4 weeks behind, assuming we receive comments very soon, and they can be responded to and backchecked inside of two weeks. Bid Package 15 will be resubmitted for review under Section 408 at multiple other times during the design phase.

Subsurface drilling for Bid Packages 16 and 17 drilling is still ongoing.

Last week USACE informed WSP that new environmental permits for PdP/FL need to be submitted, reviewed and issued. Based on previous commitments by USACE, it had been assumed that the prior permits were applicable. The result of this decision is that either new permits will be required or existing permits may be amended. At this time it appears that new permit applications will be required. The permits include an Environmental Assessment, a Section 404 permit, an Illinois Section 401 permit (which includes permitting by Illinois), a Section 106 permit (which includes a programmatic agreement with the Illinois SHPO). These permits and approvals will add additional time and scope to the PdP/FL Authorized Level project to re-do the permitting work that has previously been approved. The explanation given is that permits approved in 2012 and 2013 are no longer effective due to changes in the area. WSP will continue to develop exhibits and coordinate with USACE to define specifically what is required. The desire is to utilize as much of the prior documentation as possible, however the permitting agencies will ultimately determine the scope of effort.

# General:

WSP is continuing to provide additional documentation as requested by USACE for our WIK submittals in Wood River and East St. Louis. We anticipate having all of the documentation resubmitted by the end of the year.