



Memo to: Board of Directors  
From: Chuck Ewert  
Subject: Program Status Report for February 2025  
Date: February 19, 2025

## **500-Year Authorized Level Status**

### Wood River Levee System

**Bid Package 8:** The Corps' contractor is anticipated to complete construction of Bid Package 8 soon, after which, WSP will submit the Work-in-Kind (WIK) submittal for engineering during construction (EDC) services. The remaining work includes a new gate actuator and relief well testing for 6 newly constructed wells, which require a higher river stage than we have had for much of the past 12-18 months.

**Bid Package 9:** WSP received 9 comments to the 35% design submittal for Bid Package 9. All comments have been responded to, and submittal of the 65% complete design package is scheduled for April 14.

**Relief Well Package 2:** WSP, the Wood River Drainage and Levee District, USACE, and the FPD Council met with the City of Wood River on January 27 to discuss the easement needed for construction of the Corps' Relief Well Package #2. As a reminder, the local sponsors are responsible to obtain the easements necessary for the Corps to construct their project. The city expressed concern about the Corps' project and followed up via email on January 31 to inform us that the city is not interested in granting the easements as proposed. The City is willing to consider an alternative design easement, but the Corps has estimated that the alternative design in question would carry an additional cost of approximately \$2M, which the Corps will consider a "betterment" to the approved project and is, therefore, not eligible for work-in-kind (WIK) credit. The FPD Council's land acquisition team has been discussing potential paths forward to help the Corps their complete the remaining Authorized Level improvements in a timely fashion for the budget available.

**LERRDs:** Updates to the FPD Councils' 2nd & 3<sup>rd</sup> LERRDs submittals to the Corps are still underway.

Work In-Kind credit of \$17,739,418.51 and LERRD's credit of \$693,274.23 has been approved to date for the Wood River Levee System.

### MESD Levee System

Bid Package 11: Since the prior update, the Contractor has finished development of all 68 relief wells and has placed all 68 relief well seals. Pipe construction continues as weather allows. As a reminder, on April 29, 2024, with a forecasted flood stage on the river, the General Contractor was directed to temporarily backfill all open excavations and install the temporary bypass pumping system, per the Emergency Action Plan. The contract with the General Contractor stipulates that the FPD Council will reimburse for emergency work during flooding. A change order for a pipe diameter change inside the G.C.E.D. #1X wet well and additional contract days is forthcoming.

Bid Package 18A: WSP is currently working on pump station replacement for the Phillips Reach #2 Pumping Station in Cahokia Heights. The 65% complete design will be submitted to the Corps of engineers in Spring 2025.

LERRDs: Updates to the FPD Councils' LERRDs submittals to the Corps are still underway.

Work In-Kind credit of \$24,599,173.61 and LERRDs credit of \$1,607,516.56 has been approved to date for the MESD Levee System.

### Prairie Du Pont/Fish Lake Levee Systems

Bid Package 15: The FPD Council has entered into an agreement for utility relocation with the Harrisonville Telephone Company (HTC) to abandon an existing easement and communication line and obtain new easements for a new line. The agreement specifies that the FPD Council will reimburse HTC for their costs associated with the relocation, up to \$5,000. WSP submitted the final Section 408 submittal for Bid Package 15 (95% Design) on November 14. The Corps of Engineers anticipates review to be complete at the end of March 2025. Land acquisition efforts (appraisals, negotiations, utility relocations, etc.) are underway to secure the necessary easements to construct the improvements.

Bid Package 16: 65% design is in progress with submittal to the Corps anticipated in early 2025.

Bid Package 17: 35% design is underway.

WSP is developing updated project schedules for PDP/FL packages based on recent guidance and review timelines from USACE.

Attached is WSP's Monthly Construction Progress Report.