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CMR. BUSH ANNOUNCES RECEIPT OF FEDERAL GRANT FOR GULF STATE COASTAL PROJECTS

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Today, AUSTIN — Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush announced that the Texas General Land Office has received $46,313,471.21 in federal grant funding from the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) to further support restoration of the Texas shoreline.

"The revenue from GOMESA is crucial to enhancing and protecting the Gulf coast," said Commissioner Bush. "These funds will allow the GLO to fund coastal projects targeting the restoration of coastal damage from Hurricane’s Ike and Harvey and enhancing resiliency of the Texas shoreline to prevent future threats. I am excited to continue implementing additional solutions for the benefit of our great state."

Below is a breakdown of the amount of federal funds each county has received:

State of Texas and CPS
State of Texas -- $46,313,471.21
Aransas County -- $466,178.75
Brazoria County -- $779,380.51
Calhoun County -- $628,382.99
Cameron County -- $658,510.61
Chambers County -- $406,855.52
Galveston County -- $1,024,591.91
Harris County -- $2,263,694.49
Jackson County -- $300,964.36
Jefferson County -- $794,042.37
Kenedy County -- $633,309.25
Kleberg County -- $459,956.66
Matagorda County -- $901,868.30
Nueces County -- $614,486.78
Orange County -- $392,328.39
Refugio County -- $285,845.51
San Patricio County -- $298,699.69
Victoria County -- $310,203.11
Willacy County -- $359,068.63
Texas Total -- $57,891,839.04

The Texas General Land Office is dedicated to seeing our coast revive and strengthen. It is our mission to establish the necessary resources in order for our state’s coast to be taken care of both now and in the future.

Background:
GOMESA funding is authorized for the following uses:
- Projects and activities for coastal protection, including conservation, coastal
  restoration, hurricane protection and infrastructure directly affected by coastal wetland
  losses;
- Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife or natural resources;
- Implementation of federal approved marine, coastal or comprehensive conservation
  management plan;
- Mitigation of the impact of OCS activities through the funding of onshore infrastructure
  projects; and
- Planning assistance and administrative costs, not to exceed 3 percent of the amounts
  received.