

**MINUTES OF
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST
LEGAL COMMITTEE INFORMATIONAL MEETING
HELD ON JANUARY 9, 2025**

PRESENT: Derek N. Rabb, Chair
Roy M. Carubba, Committee Member

The Legal Committee of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (Authority or FPA) was scheduled to meet on January 9, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in the Franklin Avenue Administrative Complex, Meeting Room 201, 6920 Franklin Avenue, New Orleans, La. Due to the lack of a quorum, an informational meeting was held.

Opening Comments: None.

Public Comments: None.

New Business:

- 1. Discussion of proposed extension of the contract with Degan, Blanchard & Nash Law Office, LLC, for a one-year period commencing March 5, 2025, and ending on March 4, 2026, for legal services in connection with the litigation entitled, , “Marquette Transportation Company Gulf-Inland, LLC v. The United States of America,” United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, No. 2:23-CV-02439-WBV-JVM; and to increase the total not-to-exceed amount of the contract for the initial one-year period and the one-year extension (March 5, 2024, through March 4, 2026) to \$300,000.**

There was no discussion. Item will be placed on the Board’s January 16, 2025, agenda.

2. Discussion of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Legal Services.

Mr. Rabb explained that the purpose of the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is for the FPA to go to the market in order to develop a larger broad vendor base to draw upon for legal services in various categories on an as-needed basis. Staff will adhere to the appropriate guidelines and procedures for RFQs. The proposed timeline for the RFQ is as follows:

RFQ Advertisement – Once per week for three consecutive weeks

RFQ Issuance/Availability – Monday, February 24, 2025

Deadline for Questions & Requests for Additional Information - Monday, March 31, 2025

Responses to RFQ Due - Monday, April 28, 2025

Contact - Ruby Gethers, Paralegal

Executive Session:

1. "Robert, Joseph et al. versus State of Louisiana et al., Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans, No. 2016-09374, Division F, Section 14".

The Committee did not meet in Executive Session.

There were no further discussions; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m.