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## **BOEMRE Awards \$1.5 Million Grant for Alabama Welcome Center**

*CIAP Grant Will Restore Wetlands, Create Environmental Outreach Program*

**NEW ORLEANS, LA** – The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) has awarded a grant for \$1,527,000 to Mobile County in Alabama through the Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) for improvements to the Mobile County River Delta Tourism and Welcome Center located in the city of Creola, approximately 15 miles north of Mobile.

Created by the Energy Policy Act of 2005, CIAP provides funding to the six Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas producing states to conserve and protect the coastal environment. CIAP is an ongoing program with grant funding that is allocated based on the offshore energy revenues collected by the United States.

“BOEMRE will continue to assist Alabama in its efforts to rebuild and improve restoration efforts through the CIAP program,” said BOEMRE Director Michael R. Bromwich. “Supporting initiatives like the Mobile County Welcome Center Improvement Project is an example of our ongoing commitment to work with the state of Alabama in restoring its coastal communities.”

Grant funding for the project will be used to replace aging structures with new buildings, construct new marina wastewater facilities, and restore wetland habitats by removing storm debris and other obstructions in the area adjacent to the Welcome Center.

CIAP will receive \$250 million in appropriated funds for each of the Fiscal Years 2007-2010 to be disbursed to six eligible Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas producing states – Alabama, Alaska, California, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

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