**Notes:** 1. The reference points shown on each question are the maximum points allocated to that question from the project Selection Criteria that will be used in scoring each project. \*

2. A project Name and Location are required for each project and are entered interactively on the Portal. \*

**Section A - Requirements and Eligibility** \*

1. Qualifying Primary Eligible Activity (select only one): \*

• Restore and protect natural resources

• Mitigate damage to fish, wildlife and natural resources

• Implement Federally-approved conservation plans

• Workforce Development

• Improve State parks located in coastal areas affected by the spill

• Infrastructure projects for local economy

• Coastal flood protection

• Planning assistance

• Promotion of tourism

• Promote consumption of seafood for the Gulf

2. Qualifying Secondary Activities (Check all that apply): \*

• Restore and protect natural resources

• Mitigate damage to fish, wildlife and natural resources

• Implement Federally-approved conservation plans

• Workforce Development

• Improve State parks located in coastal areas affected by the spill

• Infrastructure projects for local economy

• Coastal flood protection

• Planning assistance

• Promotion of tourism

• Promote consumption of seafood for the Gulf

3. Was this activity included in a claim paid out of the Oil Spill Trust Fund? \*

• Yes

• No

4. Provide a short narrative describing how the work associated with the proposed project will be performed in the Gulf Region. (250 words maximum) \*

**Section B – Programmatic Criteria** \*

1a. ***Project Justification*** - Provide an adequate overall description of the proposed project to determine feasibility. Include references to best available science where appropriate. (500 words maximum - 2 points maximum, combined with Questions 1b and 1c below) \*

1b. ***Project Budget*** – Provide the project budget as a total dollar amount. (2 points maximum, combined with Question 1a above and Question 1c below) \*

1c. ***Project Feasibility*** - Provide a total budget breakdown for the proposed project including all reasonable and justifiable costs. Additional budget breakdown information can be provided as a PDF attachment. Please enter “See attached” here if you are submitting a budget as an attachment. (250 words maximum - 2 points maximum, combined with Questions 1a and 1b above) \*

2. ***Public Interest*** - Provide a short narrative describing how the proposed project clearly demonstrates public benefit. (250 words maximum - 2 points maximum) \*

3. ***Project Timing*** - Provide a brief project development schedule showing that the proposed project can be implemented and benefits realized within a reasonable and acceptable timeframe. (250 words maximum - 2 points maximum) \*

4. ***Partnerships and Leveraging -*** Provide a short narrative describing how the project is supported by multiple partners. Explain how the proposed project leverages funds by including cash or in-kind matching funds towards the project. (250 words maximum - 2 points maximum) \*

5. ***Monitoring Plan -*** Provide a short narrative describing the comprehensive monitoring and success measurement plan for the proposed project. Include a maintenance plan, if applicable. (250 words maximum - 2 points maximum) \*

6. ***Sustainability and Efficiency –*** Provide a brief narrative describing how the project approach utilizes efficiency measures and provides long term benefits. Explain how the proposed project builds upon existing assets, links outcomes, partners, or lands, and does not produce negative environmental impacts. (250 words maximum - 2 points maximum) \*

**Section C1 - Environmental Criteria** \*

1. ***Habitat Conservation and Preservation*** - Provide a short narrative on how the proposed project maintains or improves the structure and function of uplands, bays, bayous, wetlands, rivers, lakes, streams, or marine natural systems, benefiting native plants and wildlife. (500 words maximum - 5 points maximum). \*

2. ***Habitat Restoration*** - Provide a short narrative on how the proposed project improves, enhances, or restores the structure and function of uplands, bays, bayous, wetlands, rivers, lakes, streams, or marine natural systems, benefiting native plants and wildlife. (500 words maximum - 5 points maximum). \*

3. ***Water Quality*** - Provide a short narrative on how the proposed project reduces point and/or nonpoint sources of pollutants entering local waterways, provides treatment to improve water quality, or proposes other measures which will improve water quality such as watershed Best Management Practices (BMP’s). (500 words maximum – 10 points maximum) \*

4. ***Natural Systems Resiliency*** - Provide a short narrative on how the proposed project increases ability of natural systems to withstand disasters and adapt to changing environmental conditions due to climate change, associated sea level rise, and other factors. (500 words maximum - 6 points maximum) \*

**Section C2 - Economic Criteria** \*

1. ***Tourism and Tourism Opportunities*** - Provide a short narrative on how the proposed project provides for increases in tourism activity through new or additional marketing efforts, improvements to existing attractions, or addition of new destinations or attractions. (500 words maximum - 5 points maximum) \*

2. ***Recreational Fishing and Local Seafood*** - Provide a short narrative on how the proposed project provides for increases in recreational fishing opportunities through increased or improved access to waterfront, marketing and promotion of local recreational fishing and seafood, the removal of barriers to recreational fishing, and increased fishing stock/habitat. (500 words maximum - 5 points maximum) \*

3. ***Job Creation*** - Provide a short narrative on how the proposed project provides for new full time higher wage jobs within the County. (500 words maximum - 6 points maximum) \*

4. ***Industry and Business Growth*** - Provide a short narrative on how the proposed project directly contributes to expansion of existing industry/business or siting of a new industry/business in marine commerce, seafood processing, commercial fishing industries, aviation and aerospace, high tech manufacturing, information technology or cyber security, telecommunications, renewable energy, or other locally targeted industry as identified in the Apalachee Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. (500 words maximum - 5 points maximum) \*

5. ***Workforce Development*** - Provide a short narrative on how the proposed project provides innovative higher education, job training, or other workforce training/career development which increases the total skilled workforce pool and advances opportunities for higher wage employment. (500 words maximum -5 points maximum) \*

**Section C3 - Infrastructure Criteria** \*

1. ***Port Development*** - Provide a short narrative on how the proposed project enhances port usage and diversity, operability, expansion, dredging, and marketing/promotion. (500 words maximum – 9 points maximum) \*

2. ***Transportation Network Improvements*** - Provide a short narrative on how the proposed project improves components of existing transportation network or adds new features to transportation network such as roads, bridges, sidewalks, bike lanes, multi-modal paths or trails, streetlights, right-of-way landscaping, and public access to the waterfront. This may also include services for the transportation disadvantaged. (500 words maximum - 6 points maximum) \*

3. ***Essential Services*** - Provide a short narrative on how the proposed project provides new or improved wastewater treatment and management, solid waste management, stormwater management, technological upgrades such as broadband, and/or beach stabilization and nourishment. (500 words maximum - 7 points maximum) \*

4. ***Disaster Resiliency*** - Provide a short narrative on how the proposed project increases community resiliency by strategically retrofitting, upgrading, or replacing critical infrastructure, utilizing renewable energy, improving emergency services and response, or by improving other disaster preparatory mechanisms. (500 words maximum - 4 points maximum) \*

**Section C4 – Community Preferences** \*

1. ***Cultural and Historic Resources*** - Provide one or more specific examples of how the proposed project provides for preservation, protection or restoration of cultural, historical, or archaeological significant resources. (250 words maximum - 2 points maximum) \*

2. ***Community Health*** - Provide a short narrative on how the proposed project improves community health through increased healthcare services, health improvement programs, or health education. (250 words maximum- 2 points maximum) \*

3. ***Affordable Housing*** - Provide a short narrative on how the proposed project provides additional workforce and affordable housing units, beautifies neighborhoods, and/or provides programs which promote affordable and/or workforce housing. (250 words maximum - 2 points maximum) \*

4. ***Education******and Public Outreach***- Provide one or more specific examples of environmental or general education and outreach opportunities included in the proposed project. (250 words maximum - 2 points maximum) \*

4. ***Youth Opportunities and Childcare***- Provide one or more specific examples of how the proposed project provides new or improved local opportunities for youth, including opportunities in sports, arts, education, music, or affordable child care services to assist working families. (250 words maximum - 2 points maximum) \*

**Section D - Bonus Points** \*

1. ***Leverages funds*** - Provide one or more specific examples of how the proposed project can provide for in-kind or other supplemental funding, increasing fund leveraging. Include the dollar amount of leveraged funds, the portion of the project budget supported by leveraged funds, and the level of commitment of leveraged funding sources). (250 words maximum – Up to 18 points maximum) \*

**Section E - Permitting and Ownership: \***

1. Are permits required to construct or implement the proposed project? \*

• Yes

• No

If Yes, list specific required permits and status of each. (100 words maximum – No Points)

2. Is land acquisition required to construct or implement the proposed project? \*

• Yes

• No

If Yes, what legal rights will be acquired (title, easement, other)? Select one or more

• Titles

• Easements

• Other

If easements, what are the terms of the easement? (100 words maximum– No Points)

3. Will the proposed project cause displacement of persons or businesses? \*

• Yes

• No

If Yes, provide a description of the displacement the proposed project may cause including any known addresses that may be impacted. (100 words maximum – No Points)