

Truth in Testimony Disclosure Form

In accordance with Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5)* of the *Rules of the House of Representatives*, witnesses are asked to disclose the following information. Please complete this form electronically by filling in the provided blanks.

Committee: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure 

Subcommittee: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation 

Hearing Date: 04/04/2024

Hearing Title :

Port Safety, Security and Infrastructure Investment

Witness Name: Edward McCarthy

Position/Title: Chief Operating Officer - Georgia Ports Authority

Witness Type: Governmental Non-governmental

Are you representing yourself or an organization? Self Organization

If you are representing an organization, please list what entity or entities you are representing:

Georgia Ports Authority
National Association of Waterfront Employers

FOR WITNESSES APPEARING IN A NON-GOVERNMENTAL CAPACITY

Please complete the following fields. If necessary, attach additional sheet(s) to provide more information.

Are you a fiduciary—including, but not limited to, a director, officer, advisor, or resident agent—of any organization or entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the hearing? If so, please list the name of the organization(s) or entities.

N/A

Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) related to the hearing's subject matter that you or the organization(s) you represent have received in the past thirty-six months from the date of the hearing. Include the source and amount of each grant or contract.

See Attached

Please list any contracts, grants, or payments originating with a foreign government and related to the hearing's subject that you or the organization(s) you represent have received in the past thirty-six months from the date of the hearing. Include the amount and country of origin of each contract or payment.

None

Please complete the following fields. If necessary, attach additional sheet(s) to provide more information.

- I have attached a written statement of proposed testimony.
- I have attached my curriculum vitae or biography.

*Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5), of the U.S. House of Representatives provides:

(5)(A) Each committee shall, to the greatest extent practicable, require witnesses who appear before it to submit in advance written statements of proposed testimony and to limit their initial presentations to the committee to brief summaries thereof.

(B) In the case of a witness appearing in a non-governmental capacity, a written statement of proposed testimony shall include— (i) a curriculum vitae; (ii) a disclosure of any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts, grants, or payments originating with a foreign government, received during the past 36 months by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness and related to the subject matter of the hearing; and (iii) a disclosure of whether the witness is a fiduciary (including, but not limited to, a director, officer, advisor, or resident agent) of any organization or entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the hearing.

(C) The disclosure referred to in subdivision (B)(ii) shall include— (i) the amount and source of each Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) or contract (or subcontract thereof) related to the subject matter of the hearing; and (ii) the amount and country of origin of any payment or contract related to the subject matter of the hearing originating with a foreign government.

(D) Such statements, with appropriate redactions to protect the privacy or security of the witness, shall be made publicly available in electronic form 24 hours before the witness appears to the extent practicable, but not later than one day after the witness appears.



Government Funded Projects Update
@ 2/5/2024

USDOT

1) FASTLANE 16 - MegaRail

TT	\$126,700,000
GPA	\$82,700,000
Fed	\$44,000,000

Comments:

- Project is complete. Closeout process commencing. Reimbursement #11 submitted Nov'23 for \$341k.

2) PIDP 19 - GCT Berth #1

TT	\$130,617,050
GPA	\$96,017,050
Fed	\$34,600,000

Comments:

- Project is complete. Closeout process commencing. Reimbursement #9 submitted Dec'23 for \$1.8m.

3) INFRA 21 - NE Georgia Inland Port

TT	\$164,604,905
GPA	\$110,736,905
NS	\$7,000,000
Fed	\$46,868,000

Comments:

- Project is just underway. Construction schedule is 2yrs, est. completion Jan'26.

4) PIDP 21 - CI Berth #4

TT	\$55,793,600
GPA	\$41,146,316
Fed	\$14,647,284

Comments:

- In communication w/ MARAD. Awaiting NEPA permit. "Kick-off" meeting will be scheduled once NEPA is issued and project can commence.

5) RTEPF 23 - Renewable Fuel

TT	\$36,359,394
GPA	\$28,842,328
Fed	\$7,517,066

Comments:

- Application submitted 7/23. Awaiting award announcements.

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6) INFRA 23 - East River Terminal Berth Replacement Project

TT	\$30,146,215
GPA	\$15,073,108
Fed	\$15,073,107

Comments:

- Notified 1/25/2024 we have been awarded \$15m. Next steps will be to host a "kick-off" call, start the NEPA process and start the agreement draft process.

7) RAISE 24 - CIT Railroad Improvements

TT	\$61,000,000
GPA	\$36,000,000
Fed	\$25,000,000

Comments:

- Applications due 2/28/24. Project includes Myd Harris Yard reconfiguration, build an overpass, and build South Yard. Expect award announcement sometime this summer.

8) CRISI 24 - CIT Railroad Improvements

TT	\$61,000,000
GPA	\$30,500,000
Fed	\$30,500,000

Comments:

- Plan is to reformat the RAISE - CIT Rail Improvement project for CRISI. Project is well suited. CRISI is an FRA sponsored program. Would require G&W partnership.

9) PIDP 24 - GCT Power Resiliency

TT	\$138,105,000 est.
GPA	\$69,052,800 est.
Fed	\$69,052,200 est.

Comments:

- Applications due 4/30/24. Total project cost and cost share may change once reevaluated for 2024.

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Port Security Grant Program (PSGP)

10) PSGP 20 - Savannah - Waterside Perimeter Hardening / Maritime Domain Sustainment

TT	\$1,257,300
GPA	\$314,325
Fed	\$942,975

Comments:

- Project is complete. Closeout was submitted and accepted 11/23.

11) PSGP 21 - Savannah - Perimeter, Rail, & Access Control Hardening / Maritime Domain Sustainment

TT	\$858,968
GPA	\$214,742
Fed	\$644,226

Comments:

- Project is nearing completion. Closeout deadline is 11/24.

12) PSGP 23 - Savannah - Perimeter, Rail, & Access Control Hardening

TT	\$1,333,333
GPA	\$333,333
Fed	\$1,000,000

Comments:

- Project is underway. Completion is expected early, possibly CY24.

13) PSGP 24 - tba

TT	\$6,666,667 est.
GPA	\$1,666,667 est.
Fed	\$5,000,000 est.

Comments:

- Meeting held on Nov 1 to include Port Police, Gov't Affairs, Trade Development, IT and Admin.
- The NOFO has not been made public yet. Port Police has ideas for 5x separate projects for 2024.
- We will proceed with initial drafts and be ahead/ready for PSG 2024.

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EPA - Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA)

14) DERA 21 - Local Drayage Truck Rebate Replacement Program

TT	\$2,728,094
GPA	\$1,386,649
Fed	\$1,341,445

Comments:

- Project is complete. Replaced 39 trucks. Closeout was submitted and accepted 12/23.

15) DERA 23/24 - Local Drayage Truck Rebate Replacement Program

TT	\$3,885,000 est.
GPA	\$1,995,000 est.
Fed	\$1,890,000 est.

Comments:

- Application submitted 12/23. Expect award announcements this summer, with funding to follow soon after.

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FEMA/GEMA

16a) HMGP/FEMA – Col. Is. Parcel B (Phase 1) Elevation Improvement

TT	\$508,095
GPA	\$127,024
Fed	\$381,071

Comments:

- Phase 1 (Engineering Design & Environmental Assessment) is nearing completion.
Reimbursement #1 submitted Jan'24 for \$190k.

16b) HMGP/FEMA – Col. Is. Parcel B (Phase 2) Elevation Improvement

TT	\$6,412,970
GPA	\$1,603,243
Fed	\$4,809,727

Comments:

- Phase 2 (Construction) has just been approved. Documents to finalize are forthcoming.
Constr. cost likely to increase. Additional funding is expected per cost increase.

17a) HMGP/FEMA – Col. Is. Parcel A (Phase 1) Elevation Improvement

TT	\$591,905 est.
GPA	\$147,976 est.
Fed	\$443,929 est.

Comments:

- As of 8/10/2022, GEMA advised the application was still under review by FEMA.
This project has not yet been awarded.

17b) HMGP/FEMA – Col. Is. Parcel A (Phase 2) Elevation Improvement

TT	\$7,470,780 est.
GPA	\$1,867,695 est.
Fed	\$5,603,085 est.

Comments:

- As of 8/10/2022, GEMA advised the application was still under review by FEMA.
This project has not yet been awarded.

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General Business

- In summary, GPA is currently requesting \$145,006,280 in federal grant funding from eight programs.
- Additional management duties require day to day business items / monthly-qtrly-semiannual-annual reporting / monthly-qtrly-reimbursements for nine active programs that total approx. \$162,023,415 in federal funding with project costs totaling approx. \$616,975,136.