

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

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SUBJECT: MVN-2011-00036-MS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice Purpose: Pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 USC 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, Regulatory Branch is soliciting comments from all interested parties on the development, utilization and long-term management of a proposed mitigation bank. The purpose of this mitigation bank is to provide compensatory mitigation for unavoidable impacts to wetland resources, including other waters of the United States, that result from projects authorized through the Department of the Army permit program.

PROPOSED CALCASIEU MITIGATION BANK IN ALLEN PARISH

<u>NAME OF APPLICANT</u>: EIP Calcasieu LLC, 2002 Clipper Park Road, Suite 201, Baltimore, Maryland 21211.

LOCATION OF WORK: The project area is located south of US 190, west of US 165 and east of US 171 near Reeves within Sections 1,2,3,11, and 12 of Township 7 South – Range 7 West and Sections 34 and 35 of Township 6 South – Range 7 West in Allen Parish, Louisiana.

<u>CHARACTER OF WORK</u>: The proposed Calcasieu Mitigation Bank lands total approximately 1,590 acres of pine plantation managed for timber production. The proposed mitigation includes both rehabilitation and enhancement components. The Sponsor proposes to implement vegetation / hydrologic restoration and introduce a fire regime. Attached for review with additional detail on the mitigation plan is the prospectus for the Calcasieu Mitigation Bank.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting written comments from the public; federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties. The comment period will close 30 days from the date of this public notice advertisement. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work, stating reasons thereof, are being solicited from anyone having interest in this prospectus. Letters must reference the

applicant's name and the subject number, be addressed and mailed to the above address, ATTENTION: REGULATORY BRANCH.

You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

James A. Barlow, Jr. Chief, Special Projects and Policy Team

Attachments