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Dear Mr. Otto:

The U.S Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District (USACE) is planning a major rehabilitation project at T.J. O'Brien Lock and Dam to address aging components of the facility. The proposed activity will not negatively impact coastal use or resources. The proposed activity complies with Illinois' approved coastal management program and will be conducted in a manner consistent with such policies. The Chicago District is requesting concurrence from the IDNR/CMP.

The proposed rehabilitation would include (as shown in Enclosure 1):

1. Sheet pile repairs to protect the upper guidewall from barge impact damage,
2. Upper and lower guidewall grouting and concrete slabs,
3. Land and river lockwall grouting and concrete slabs,
4. Lockhouse rehabilitation including roof drain replacement, controls relocation, floor drain re-route, and emergency lighting.
5. Install high mast lighting,
6. Replacement of electrical systems,
7. Replacement of sector gate machinery,
8. Replacement of culvert gates and actuators, and
9. Relocation of rip rap from the barge repair area to along the shore immediately up- and downstream of the east bank abutment.

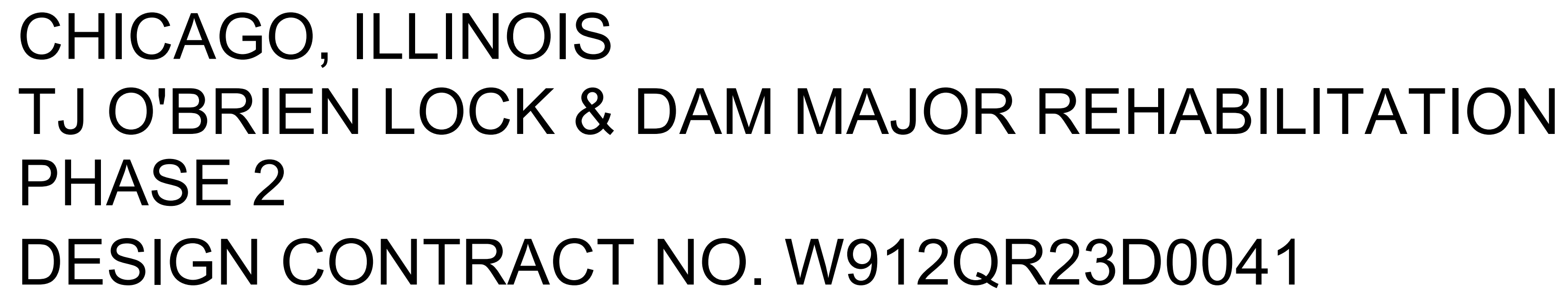
We request your concurrence with this determination within 60 days in accordance with the Coastal Zone Management Act. Concurrence will be assumed if its response is not received by USACE within 60 days plus any extension, as applicable pursuant to 15 CFR 940.41(b). Questions and responses can be submitted to Mr. Ryan Johnson by email at _____ or by phone at _____.

Sincerely,

Alex Hoxsie
Chief, Environmental & Cultural Resources
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Enclosures:

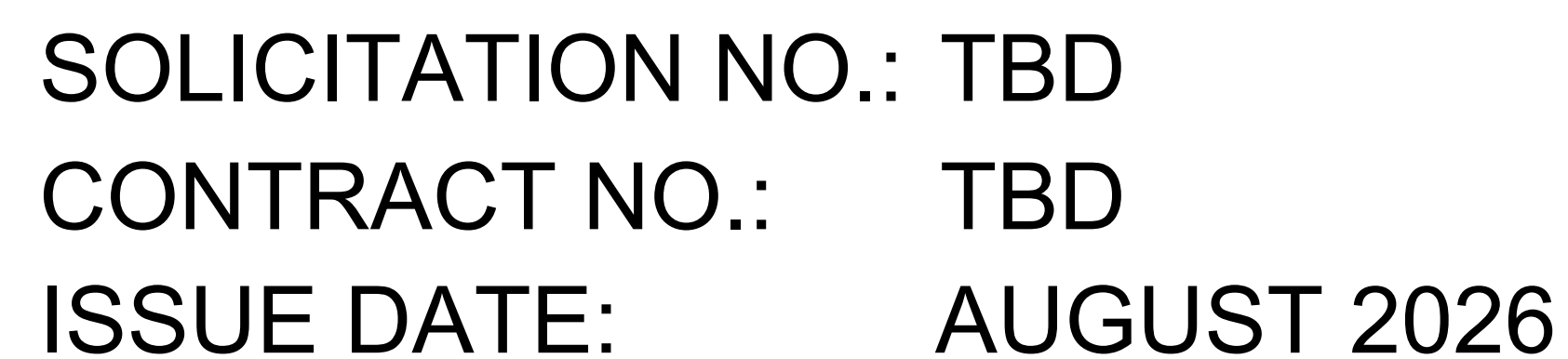
1. Project plans



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TJ O'BRIEN LOCK & DAM MAJOR REHABILITATION
PHASE 2
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