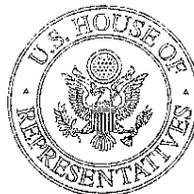


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The Honorable David L. Hobson
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Dear Chairman Visclosky and Ranking Member Hobson:

I am writing to respectfully request your support for the following projects in the FY2008 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill:

1. **The Alliance for NanoHealth** in Houston, Texas: \$2.5 million for a shared electron microscopy equipment (high-resolution CCD camera, cryo-specimen holder, freezing apparatus), for training, and for upgrades for shared equipment purchases. *The Alliance for NanoHealth is my highest priority appropriations request.*
2. **Brays Bayou**: \$35 million to continue critical detention excavation and channel construction along Brays Bayou in an expedited manner.
3. **White Oak Bayou**: \$200,000 to continue the feasibility study for flood mitigation of White Oak Bayou.
4. **Buffalo Bayou**: \$100,000 to continue a general reevaluation study to obtain Corps endorsement of a recommended project for flood control along the Buffalo Bayou.
5. **Rice University**: \$4 million for technology upgrades to computational infrastructure by adding capacity for the future and replacing capacity that is lost when older systems are decommissioned.
6. **Brazos River**: \$150,000 to study the feasibility of constructing a saltwater barrier in the lower Brazos River Basin.

I am also supportive of the following projects, which are being submitted by other Members of Congress:

1. **Houston-Galveston Navigation Channels**, Army Corps of Engineers, General Construction: \$50.676 million to increase dredge placement capacity and to maintain the existing navigation channel at its authorized depth.

- 2. Houston Ship Channel, Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance: \$35.055 million to continue operations and maintenance of the channel.
- 3. Freeport Harbor, Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigation: \$721,000 to extend, widen, and deepen the existing navigation channel.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my requests.

Sincerely,



John Culberson
Member of Congress

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*Thank you
David for
supporting the Alliance for
Hand Health in the past -
we need you again!*