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Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Division of Law Enforcement Boating and Waterway Section 620 South Meridian Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600

Re: Florida Boating Improvement Program

Dear Sir or Madam,

The City of Key West is pleased to submit our application for the Florida Boating Improvement Program. The City acquired a 32 acre parcel of property from the U.S. Navy in October 2002 to create and develop a multi-use port facility that would enhance the economic health of the City by providing additional marine and tourist based activities.

The proposed development of Truman Waterfront will be a multi-faceted project with one of the key anchors being the transformation of the existing bulkhead into a new marina facility. The proposed new marina facility is designed to provide maximum flexibility by utilizing up to 4,500 linear feet available to provide state-of-art dockage for transient vessels varying in size up to 250 feet in length. This area will be available to support multiple fishing and boating events per year including the World Off-Shore Powerboat Championship. The enclosed application and exhibits demonstrate the City's need and desire to provide a world-class facility in the nation's southernmost city. The enclosed application is Phase 1 of the project which encompasses the planning and permitting of the proposed facility.

This letter also serves to notify you that the City of Key West approved the award of the Request for Proposal (RFP) #08-011: "Marina and Upland Development Opportunity" for the Truman Waterfront to Meisel and Spottswood Marina Management Company and Resolution 09-249 was signed by the City of Key West on October 13, 2009. The RFP 08-011 and the Resolution 09-249 remain in effect and is current at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for funds available in the Florida Boating Improvement Program. The City of Key West looks forward to providing a great new facility for the boating community.

Sincerely,

Jim Scholl
City Manager