

Project Name:

Reef Innovations Regional Reef Ball Production Sites

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Project Location *(Include a map, if possible, and the city, county, longitude/latitude, and watershed):*

Florida Sites: Sites in region may vary depending on volume of Reef Balls needed.

Panama City

Wakulla County

Sarasota

Project Description *(Describe all aspects of the project):*

This project is about a wide area multi county combination of projects that are: restoring coastal habitat, creating oysters or restoring oysters, creating new snorkeling reefs, and adding deep water habitats along the coast of the Gulf of Mexico.

Many projects have been proposed to deploy artificial reef modules with various objectives, rather than each community, county or non-profit organization having to work out a purchasing agreement this project would provide local jobs building the Reef Ball modules for deployment.

This is a different approach, to create local jobs, and reduce the overall cost of production and delivery of reef modules.

Rather than numerous projects having to handle the purchases of product, they would be allotted a portion of the production. If production exceeds the immediate demand, product would be stockpiled for distribution over the next several years. This is a project proving employment over 3 to 10 years, and provide a continuous supply of

products to be used by the 24 impacted counties in Florida..

Depending on the quantity of product that is needed, state funds from the 5 States could support production at additional regional locations, thus reducing the delivery cost even more.

Reef Innovations has years of experience setting up worldwide remote production sites. Reef Innovations would be responsible for setting up, and the quality control of Reef Ball production site.

Estimated Project Costs *(Describe the estimated costs of the project, including any assumptions for contingency and ongoing operations/maintenance. Identify other secured funding sources such as matching funds, in-kind contributions or state/federal dollars. In addition, if possible, complete and submit the Cost Appendix Sheet associated with this Form):*

The cost of the project is controlled by the quantity and size of Reef Balls produced. And the number of production sites. Ideally all the projects using reef modules would get their product from the regional site. If they have a proposal a reduction in the overall cost of shipment from Sarasota, Florida would benefit the Restoration Programs with more modules going in the ocean.

Each site would have lab cost of 5 to 6 people. Cost of Concrete could add to the end production cost. Using the price sheet for the Reef Ball Products FOB Sarasota would give you an estimate of project costs based on the modules produced.

Provided the Local County or City Government provides the property and water there should be not additional or unexpected expense.

Other Funding *(Indicate if the project is submitted for any potential funding or if it may be used to leverage additional funding, if so please describe the funding source [e.g. State/Federal Grants]):*

Many times additional funding for Reef Ball Projects comes from NGO's or as in the proposal from Reef Innovations / Reef Ball Foundation the additional funds might come from homeowners.

Technical Feasibility *(Describe the technologies involved and any relevant past experience or proven success with similar projects):*

This is the most feasibly way to provide Reef Ball modules to various areas around the state. By stockpiling the modules for distribution to approved county Artificial Reef, and Breakwater projects this can become an ongoing project lasting many years.

Environmental Benefits *(Describe the nature, magnitude, and timing of any environmental benefits attributable to the project. If possible, describe potential environmental performance measures [e.g. pollutant reduction]. Please address any potential environmental impacts associated with implementing or maintaining the project [e.g. loss of a habitat or conversion of habitat from one type to another during implementation]):*

This job will provide work for local workforce for 4 to 6 direct employees and an experience foreman from Reef Innovations. The local area will benefit from with local concrete and supplies, as well as drivers and all the support around the operation.

Economic and Social Benefits *(Describe the economic and social benefits including those related to the project's improved ecosystem services and any estimates on jobs created or preserved):*

This product is proven as a benefit to the environment, the production of artificial reefs and restoration of habitat with Reef Balls will make the communities a better place to live and help to restore the health of the Gulf of Mexico.

Community Resilience *(Describe if the project assists Florida's ability to anticipate, withstand, or recover from hazards or threats [e.g. hurricane preparedness, establishing living shorelines]):*

Conflicts or Complements to Existing Efforts *(Describe any ongoing activities in the project implementation area, if the project is part of another plan, and why the project does or does not interfere with that work. Please consider how the project may complement existing local, regional, and state efforts/plans/objectives):*

This should be a supplement to the local Artificial Reef Programs. By providing product for deployment in ongoing activities the next 10 years and beyond.

Complies with Federal, State, Local, and Tribal Laws/Regulations *(Describe any concerns or potential conflicts):*

None know

Readiness for Implementation *(Describe if the project has had any design or permitting work started or completed attach permits or design work]. Please address any issues that may delay start or finish of the project):*

Mobilization and production can usually be accomplished within a couple weeks. So we are ready to get started now.

Regularly Reef Innovations set up remote production on sites from Texas to North Carolina. Individual projects with large quantities of reef modules might benefit by arranging for Reef Innovations to provide production at there site.

Public Acceptance *(Describe any known or potential public approval or opposition to the project):*

This concept was presented to Wakulla County Restoration Committee on April 9 support for the concept was approved with hopes they will receive a production site to help the economic recovery of their communities.

Additional Information you wish to provide *(Please include any maps, designs, drawings, photos, or background resources that may assist in completely and accurately understanding the project):*

Many photos are available of various Remote production sites by looking up reefinnovations on flickr or vist www.reefinnovations.com and www.reefball.org

Cost Appendix Sheet

Cost Item Cost Estimate

Planning

Planning Subtotal:

Construction

Construction Subtotal:

Monitoring

Monitoring Subtotal:

Project Cost

Subtotal:

TOTAL:

Estimated Costs by Year

Year 1 the yearly volume of balls x unit price = years cost of project range from

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

http://www.dep.state.fl.us/deepwaterhorizon/files/Project_Submittal_Form_distributed.pdf