

July 29, 2026

Mr. Doug Whittington
Director of Accounting
City of Vicksburg
1401 Walnut Street
Vicksburg, MS 39180

RE: Requesting for Match \$2.9M Site Development Grant

Mr. Whittington,

Please be advised that the Warren County Port Commission's \$2.9 million grant application to complete the South Port Project's entrance road has been approved by the Mississippi Development Authority. To this end, the Warren County Port Commission recently approved a task order to begin design and construction on this project.

The City of Vicksburg and the Warren County Board of Supervisors agreed to share equally in the required local match as evidenced by the attached Board of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg February 25, 2026 meeting minutes. The local match for the grant is \$324,522. To meet the project's timeline, the Warren County Port Commission formally requests the City of Vicksburg's portion of the local match, which is \$162,261, to be issued no later than August 31, 2026.

In addition and after speaking with Mayor Thompson this afternoon, I am requesting an additional \$19,250.00 in funds to be utilized to match an equal contribution by Warren County towards covering the expected cost of acquiring approximately 14 acres of additional land that has recently been identified as needed to complete the new port project on Highway 61 South. The total cost of the parcel(s) is estimated to be \$38,500 per the appraisal also attached to this letter.

Please make the funds payable to the Warren County Port Commission, and a representative of our organization will be available to pick them up when ready.

Our economic development success would not be possible without the support of the City of Vicksburg, and we thank you for your continued partnership.

Sincerely,



Pablo Diaz
Executive Director
Warren County Port Commission