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**Subject:** RE: MARAD  
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Thanks Adam. The outreach is much appreciated.

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Hi Justin,

Just to close the loop, I reached out to MARAD to introduce myself and inform them of our environmental review. Over the next couple of weeks, with contractor support, OEA is developing the initial outreach letters to agencies with jurisdiction or expertise. We'll be sure to include MARAD. If there are any other agencies or officials that you have been in discussion with regarding this project, please let me know and we'll be sure to include them if we haven't already added them to the master list.

Thanks,

Adam

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Thanks for the response Adam. If it is appropriate, Port KC would appreciate it if you could reach out to the MARAD contact I sent you and let MARAD know that OEA will coordinate the NEPA with them with the STB as lead agency.

Port KC won a planning grant from MARAD. According to Port KC, MARAD is treating the grant more like a construction grant and is pushing them to kick off the NEPA process. Considering that the

Board has already started on this process, it is redundant to start again with MARAD.

I defer to you on the best way to approach it, but if you could start your agency outreach with MARAD, Port KC would appreciate it.

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**Subject:** RE: Port KC Next Steps

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Hi Justin,

One of our early step with ICF is to develop our state/local/federal/Tribal contacts list to begin interagency coordination and prepare for initial outreach. In order to inform the purpose and need that OEA will include in its environmental review process, any information that Port KC can provide us that speaks to the intents of the project is helpful. Information about potential shippers or users of the project, likely industries affected, projected improvements to local economy or consistency with long-term regional planning and development can all be included. As we discussed many of these at the initial kickoff meeting, OEA does have a sense of the project purpose already, but if the goals or targets of the project have shifted since we first began discussing it, a statement will help us capture this in writing.

I will continue to work with ICF to develop that initial outreach contact list so we can keep the review moving.

Thanks,

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Hi Adam:

I am adding Mark and Richard with Port KC as well as Elizabeth and Alex to keep everyone in the loop. As you and I discussed last week, I am sending you the MARAD contact information for you to connect with at the appropriate time. Second, Port KC would like to make sure that while OEA and ICF are developing the work plan, we are moving forward on our end. Can you provide us a list of the agency contacts that you will require so we can begin compiling those? I presume that you will need us to collect the state and local for you, but if that's not the case, please let me know. Additionally, when will you require the Purpose and Need statement?

If Port KC can get those two tasks started, we feel like we can hit the ground running once the work plan is finalized.

Thanks and here is the MARAD contact information:

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