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# ACADIA PARISH POLICE JURY

## Marine Debris Removal- RFP

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# Cover Letter

June 25, 2026

Acadia Parish Police Jury Government | OHSEP
Attn: Kaitlyn Sonnier
505 NE Court Circle
Crowley, LA 70526

**Re: Proposal Response – RFP: 60712159, Marine Debris Removal**

Dear Kaitlyn Sonnier and the Parish Evaluation Committee:

Garner Environmental Services, Inc. (Garner) respectfully submits this proposal in response to the Acadia Parish Police Jury's (the Parish) Request for Proposals for Marine Debris Removal. We are a purpose-built national emergency response and debris management firm with 45 years of continuous disaster response experience, more than [redacted] in executed emergency contracts across [redacted] and a verified record of eight Louisiana activations under GOHSEP oversight, accumulating more than [redacted] in Louisiana-specific emergency contract value across [redacted]. The Parish operates within the same GOHSEP regulatory framework, LDEQ compliance environment, and Gulf Coast operational geography that Garner knows well, and we are prepared to serve as the Parish's debris removal partner on this project immediately.

Garner has assembled a team of highly specialized partners to meet and exceed the Parish's needs. This team includes [redacted] With Garner, they bring unmatched expertise, regional strength, and proven capability to deliver exceptional results.

This response directly addresses the Parish's evaluation priorities:

- **Firm / Team Qualifications and Experience & Past Performance:** [redacted] standing command staff, pre-positioned equipment relationships, [redacted] available for immediate deployment; [redacted] direct [redacted]
- **Key Personnel Qualifications and Experience:** A dedicated management team — [redacted]
- **FEMA PA Compliance and Experience:** All operations are governed by the FEMA PAPPG and 2 CFR Part 200. [redacted] Our team's FEMA-aligned documentation protocols, ICS/NIMS integration, and DCO-GLO Program registration strengthen our combined reimbursement posture in cooperation with Rostan.

- **Immediate Mobilization.** Garner's Program Manager will contact the Parish's designated representative within one hour of notice to proceed (NTP) issuance to coordinate our immediate mobilization.
- **Complete Scope Capability.** Garner can perform every service category defined in this RFP's Scope of Work, including land- and water-based vegetative debris removal, land- and water-based construction and demolition storm debris removal, the management, reduction, and processing of all vegetative debris, and loading, hauling, and final disposal of all reduced vegetative debris. There are no gaps in personnel, equipment, or regulatory compliance.
- **Technology-Enabled Transparency.** Garner provides a web-based, password-accessible daily progress map updated every operational day, showing streets cleared, volumes recovered by debris type, crew locations, and estimated percent completion.
- **Financial Strength.** As a subsidiary of the K-Solv Group, Garner carries the bonding capacity, credit facilities, and financial reserves to fund large-scale debris activations well in advance of FEMA or Parish reimbursement, with no impact to contract performance.

Garner has carefully reviewed the Acadia Parish Police Jury RFP in its entirety. This proposal is fully compliant and organized in the sequence specified in RFP Section 5. Danny Maldonado, Executive Vice President, is authorized to contractually obligate Garner. I, Nick Russo, Senior Director Operations, will serve as the primary contact for all technical and contractual matters. I can be contacted at [redacted].

Respectfully Submitted,

[redacted]

Senior Director, Operations
Garner Environmental Services, Inc.
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# FIRM / TEAM QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE

# Firm / Team Qualifications & Experience

## About Us

[redacted], Texas-based disaster response contractor and a proud member of the K-Solv Group. With 45 years of all-hazard emergency response experience, [redacted], and more than [redacted],Garner brings unmatched depth and immediate readiness to Acadia Parish.

Garner does not broker work or assemble a team after an event. We maintain standing command staff, pre-positioned equipment relationships, [redacted] field personnel available for immediate deployment, and a mobile command center capable of being on the ground in Acadia Parish within [redacted]. The K-Solv Group relationship provides Garner with enterprise-level bonding capacity credit infrastructure to self-fund large activations from day one without disrupting contract performance.

| Attribute | Details |
|---|---|
| [redacted] | [redacted] |

**Why Garner is Uniquely Qualified for Acadia Parish**

Acadia Parish's waterway debris challenge is not a generic problem — it involves densely networked bayou and drainage systems crossing agricultural flatlands, with limited vehicular access points, environmentally sensitive wetland corridors, and active USACE permit conditions that narrow the operational approach. Garner's Broussard, LA headquarters is approximately 55 miles from Crowley, Louisiana, placing Garner's command staff and equipment within same-day mobilization distance of every Acadia Parish waterway designated in this RFP.

Garner Gulf South staging network — Broussard, LA operations base provides same-day mobilization capability to all Acadia Parish waterway districts designated in this RFP.

Garner has activated in Louisiana eight times since 2020 under GOHSEP oversight, [redacted] Our personnel are familiar with LDEQ permitting requirements, GOHSEP coordination protocols, regional haul routes, and disposal facilities serving South Central Louisiana including the Acadia Parish area. That ground-level Louisiana familiarity — combined with Garner's national scale and 41-barge waterway fleet — is what makes Garner uniquely qualified to serve Acadia Parish from day one.

## Teaming Partners

Garner has assembled a highly skilled group of teaming partners to address the Parish's needs. They include:

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# KEY PERSONNEL QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE

# Key Personnel Qualifications & Experience

[redacted]

## Key Project Personnel

[redacted]

[redacted]

# PROJECT EXPERIENCE

# Project Experience

## Landmark Projects That Define Garner's All-Hazard Capability

For over four decades, Garner has not simply responded to disasters, and we have built the infrastructure, relationships, and institutional knowledge to serve as a community's fully integrated emergency response partner from the first hour of impact through final FEMA closeout. That history did not begin with hurricanes. It began in 1981 on the Houston Ship Channel and expanded through high-hazard transportation emergencies, and crossed into large-scale disaster recovery in the mid-1990s when the team that would become Garner Disaster Response was born from a simple conviction: the same highly trained personnel and immediate-response mindset that works in environmental emergencies can work — and work better — in federally declared disasters.

That conviction was first tested at scale in 1995 at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building bombing in Oklahoma County, an event that shaped the company's all-hazard disaster response DNA. It was confirmed on September 11, 2001, when Garner's standing Emergency Standby Services Contract with the State of New York became the vehicle for one of the most consequential forensic recovery operations in American history. [redacted]

[redacted]

## Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building Bombing – Oklahoma City, OK | 1995

The Oklahoma County bombing was the formative event in Garner Disaster Response's creation. In the mid-1990s, Garner leadership recognized that the highly trained, immediate-response personnel and equipment networks built for environmental and hazmat response could be directly applied to large-scale federal disaster recovery with the same intensity of purpose and the same compliance discipline. The Murrah Building response marked Garner's transition from a regional environmental response firm into a national all-hazard disaster response organization. Every FEMA-compliant debris program, every forensic chain-of-custody protocol, and every mass casualty logistics framework Garner uses today traces its operational DNA to the lessons learned in Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma County established Garner's foundational capability: mobilizing rapidly, managing complex debris streams under multi-agency federal oversight, and applying environmental response discipline to disaster recovery operations, the exact capability required to deliver FEMA-reimbursable, LDEQ-compliant debris removal for Acadia Parish.

## World Trade Center – 9/11 Forensic Debris Recovery | New York, NY | 2001-2002

[redacted]

The WTC recovery demanded the same forensic chain-of-custody documentation discipline, FEMA-coordinated multi-agency oversight, and mass debris volume management required in any major municipal debris program. The discipline to document, segregate, and properly process every load — from vegetative debris to C&D to HHW — originates from the same institutional capability Garner developed in the most demanding debris recovery environment in American history. That same discipline is what the Parish will receive on day one of this contract.

In 1999, Garner executed one of the first Emergency Standby Service Contracts with the State of New York. That contract became the vehicle by which Garner was engaged following the September 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. [redacted]

During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic in New York City, Garner was engaged to support mass fatality logistics and decedent management operations deploying forensic recovery personnel, portable morgue infrastructure, and refrigerated storage assets across the Parish's five boroughs.

The NYC COVID decedent and Harris County shelter activations demonstrate Garner's simultaneous multi-state surge capacity, 48-hour stand-up capability, and ability to manage highly sensitive, chain-of-custody-dependent operations under intense public scrutiny and federal oversight — the same organizational discipline applied to FEMA PA debris documentation and RACM/HHW handling under this contract.

### Space Shuttle Columbia – HazMat & Shuttle Debris Recovery | Texas | 2003

[redacted]

Following the Space Shuttle Columbia disintegration on re-entry on February 1, 2003, Garner deployed HazMat-trained personnel to assist in the recovery of shuttle debris across East Texas under the direction of the U.S. Forest Service. This activation required management of a sensitive, federally classified debris stream under strict chain-of-custody protocols directly analogous to RACM and HHW debris stream segregation and documentation.

### Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill – Gulf Coast Cleanup Operations | 2010

[redacted]

The Deepwater Horizon response was one of Garner's largest single activations at the time deploying 1,200 personnel across all five Gulf Coast states under National Contingency Plan oversight. This activation confirms Garner's ability to manage multi-state Gulf Coast debris and environmental response operations at the same geographic scale as any major Gulf Coast hurricane would require.

## Similar Projects

### Selected Gulf Coast Hurricane Events | 2005 – 2024

The activations below represent Garner's direct client record across Gulf Coast hurricane events — each executed without a state agency intermediary, demonstrating direct municipal and county contract management, multi-client coordination, and local operational familiarity directly relevant to the Gulf Coast disaster environment in which the Parish operates.

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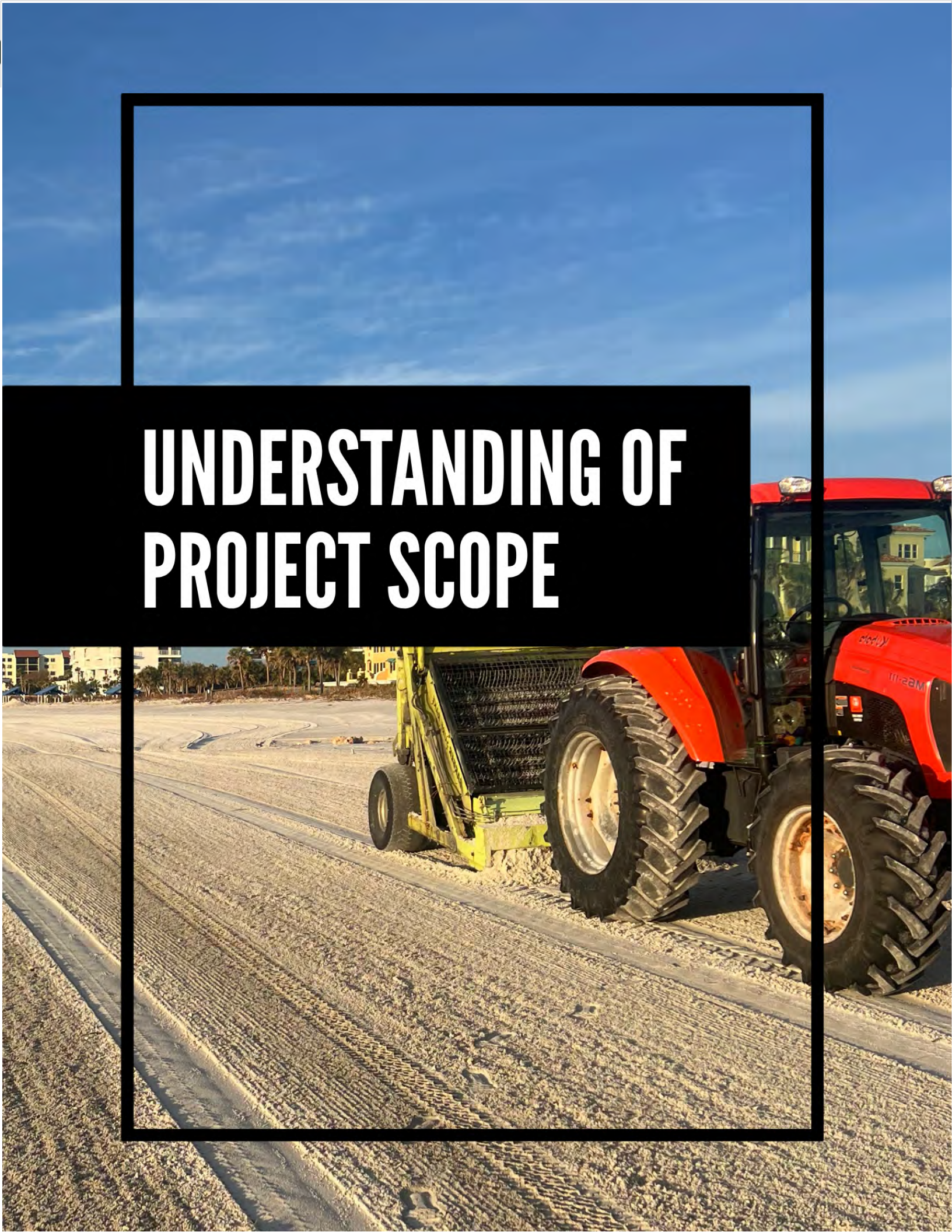
# UNDERSTANDING OF PROJECT SCOPE



# Understanding of Project Scope

Garner's approach to this project is built on regulatory compliance, environmental stewardship, operational safety, and a commitment to restoring the Acadia Parish's waterways efficiently and responsibly. The Parish's scope demands simultaneous land-based and water-based operations of which Garner is precisely suited.

We have thoroughly reviewed the maps provided in Exhibit A. We understand the Parish is confronting a significant volume of storm-generated marine debris spread across a diverse and interconnected system of Cajun bayous, agricultural drainage channels, and navigable waterways. These include Bayou Decannes Nezpique, Bayou Mallet, the Egan District, the Iota Long-Point District, and multiple drainage districts across Wards 1 through 6. The nature of these waterways creates access challenges that differ substantially from traditional roadway debris operations. Many locations can only be reached by water, and banks are often soft, saturated, or adjacent to wetlands, which may require the use of matted access routes. Draft limitations also necessitate shallow-draft barge equipment to prevent disturbance of the water bottom and ensure compliance with environmental and permitting requirements.

Garner will coordinate responses to short-notice task orders, field the monitoring presence required under FEMA regulations, and ensure every cubic yard of debris that is removed is documented by a QA/QC Monitor for federal reimbursement eligibility. [redacted]

Garner recognizes that the Parish requires a precise, compliant, and environmentally responsible approach to waterway debris removal across designated areas. The work involves identifying, extracting, transporting, and disposing of debris in full accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations. This includes strict adherence to Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) protocols related to asbestos containing materials and the Louisiana Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants (LESHAP) regulations governing hurricane demolition debris. Garner will also comply with all requirements outlined in the United States Army Corps of Engineers permits provided for this project.

Garner understands that safe and reliable access to each work site is essential. As the debris hauler, we understand Garner is responsible for supplying transportation for debris monitors, Parish personnel, and authorized representatives whenever a site cannot be reached by standard means. We understand transportation must be available throughout all active operations to ensure continuous oversight and documentation.

The following matrix maps each RFP scope item in Exhibit "B" Cost Proposal to Garner's specific operational capability:

[redacted]

## FEMA Reimbursement Process

Garner's FEMA PA reimbursement approach rests on three integrated pillars: Documentation Integrity, Eligibility Management, and Proactive Agency Coordination. [redacted]

### PILLAR 1 | Documentation Integrity

[redacted]

[redacted]

## PILLAR 2 | Eligibility Management

[redacted]

## PILLAR 3 | Proactive Agency Coordination

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## Document Management & Invoicing Schedule

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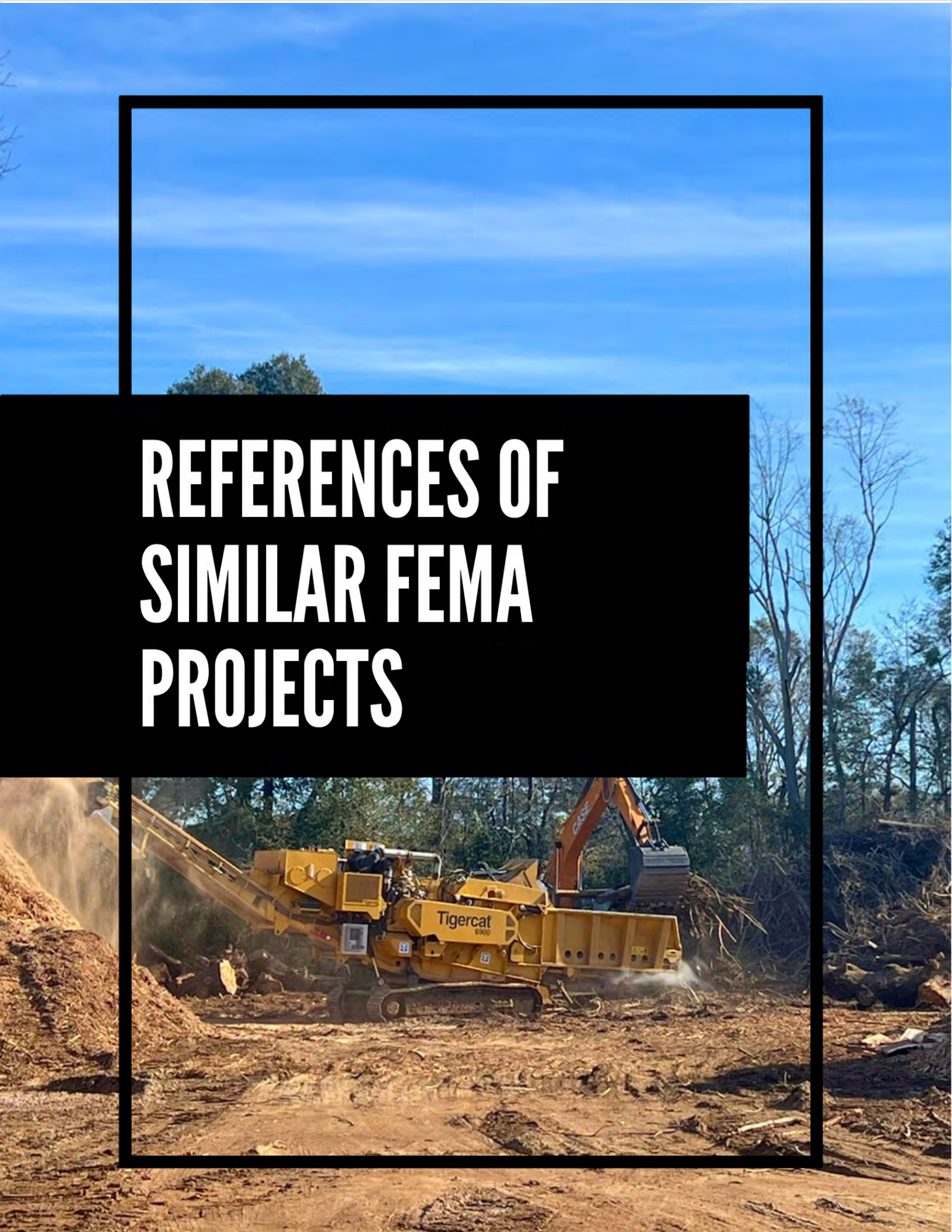
# REFERENCES OF SIMILAR FEMA PROJECTS



# References of Similar FEMA Projects

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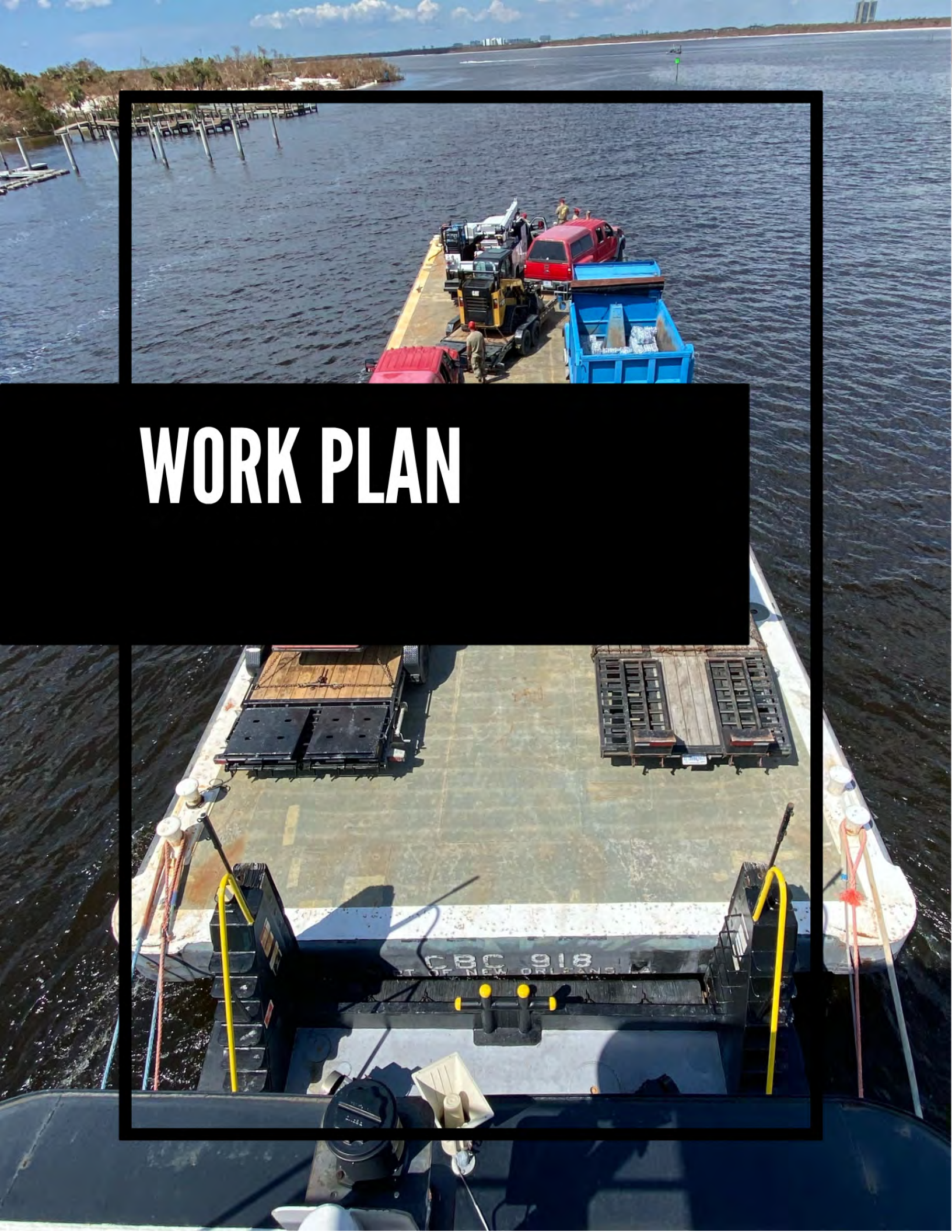


# WORK PLAN

# Work Plan & Technical Approach

Garner's approach begins with our expert team's assessment of the waterway segments to customize a project plan.

Garner's submittal, schedule, and pricing is based on our thorough evaluation of the existing conditions in the parish waterways. In order to obtain this information rapidly, we deployed subject matter experts to perform an aerial assessment. From there we obtained a birds-eye view of each waterway segment in the plan documents.

[redacted]

As part of our project plan, Garner will document the completed condition for each waterway segment in the same manner and provide this information to the project stakeholders at no cost to the parish.

Under this contract, Garner Environmental Services, Inc. will remove all eligible debris as defined by the project plans and specifications, Rostan, FEMA, and/or as directed by Acadia Parish. [redacted]

**Project activity during peak Hurricane Season:**
Our team is aware that this work will occur during the peak of Hurricane Season in the Gulf of America. We must acknowledge that this could result in additional impacts to the project segments with flooding, infrastructure damages, and additional disaster debris. We will always be prepared for the chance of extreme weather and will have resources available to respond accordingly should the need arise.

[redacted]

**Utilities and Agency Coordination**:
To the extent any pipelines, LA DOTD roadway and railroad crossings should be notified of work adjacent to their easements, Garner will conduct agency notification of the project activities.

**Property owner notifications**:
Per the plans and specifications, Garner will coordinate any private owner Right of Entries that are identified and needed to complete debris removal.

## Environmental Compliance & Protection

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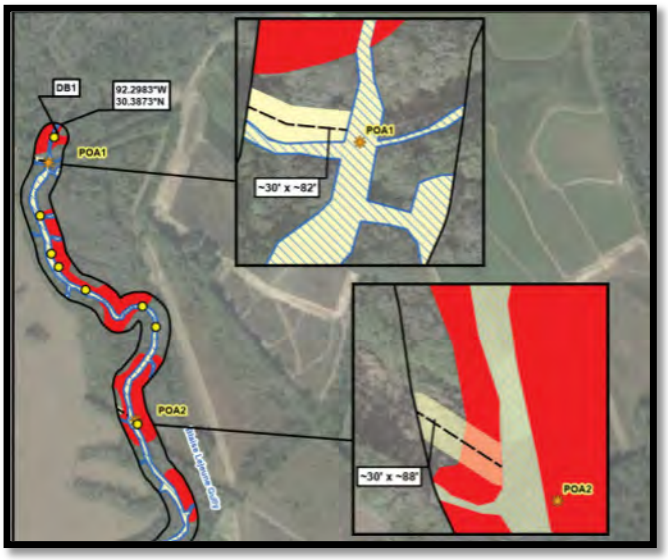


**Migratory Bird Surveys:**
The flyover of project segments noted certain areas that are adjacent to wildlife habitat, which may include nestinga reas for migratory birds. In Areas that may have sensitive environments adjacent to the work area, or in locations where a standing tree may need to be removed, [redacted]

[redacted]

Every operational requirement in this RFP is a "shall" — a binding obligation, not a preference. The following matrix maps each mandatory RFP provision directly to Garner's confirmed operational response, so the Parish and Rostan can verify at a glance that no requirement has been overlooked, qualified, or deferred

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| RFP Section | Shall / Required Provision | Garner Response |
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## Debris Classification and Eligibility

Garner will segregate all debris into the following eligible streams in accordance with RFP Section 1.3.8:

- **Vegetative/Woody Debris** — Trees meeting one or more Parish-criteria (≥6" DBH, ≥30° lean, >50% crown loss, split trunk, uprooted within waterway or banks, storm-dislodged). [redacted]
- **Construction & Demolition (C&D) Debris** — Storm-generated building materials removed to LDEQ-approved Type III landfill.

[redacted].

## Phase 3 — Waterway Debris Collection Operations

Garner's project operational plan has been prepared and is driven by the [redacted]

**Access Preparation:**
Upon mobilization, [redacted]

**Waterway operations:**
Garner intends to conduct waterway removal operations [redacted]

## Land-Based Operations (Items 1A / 2A)

Where waterways have accessible banks and right-of-way, [redacted]

Access Plan for Limited-Access Waterways:

[redacted]

## Water-Based Operations (Items 1B / 2B)

Garner deploys [redacted]

If Garner's activities are ever deemed by USACE or DNR to violate permit conditions, Garner assumes full responsibility for permitting and mitigation at no cost to the Parish.

**Disposal Operations**:
Debris disposal operations will also be conducted simultaneously. Due to the schedule, grant budget, and proximity to a landfill, the waterway debris will be direct hauled from the temporary offloading sites to a temporary debris management site (TDMS). After staging and reduction is complete, debris will be hauled to permitted final disposal locations subject to Parish approval. Disposal operation days and hours may vary based on operating hours at the landfill on weekends and holidays.

**Traffic Control**
Garner will provide, erect, and maintain all necessary barricades, lights, danger signals, signs, and other traffic control devices at all work areas in conformance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways, Part VI. Qualified flag personnel will be provided where necessary.

## Project Schedule

The Garner team will prepare a schedule of project activities while working with the Parish and Rostan to discuss the targeted approach to debris removal locations across all parish waterway segments identified with debris needs. Garner is committed to a schedule which will meet all funding deadlines and parish needs.

Debris Removal Sequence

[redacted].

## Deployment & Mobilization Plan

| [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] |
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[redacted]

Concurrent Waterway Capability:
Garner fields independent crew sets for land-based and water-based operations simultaneously. For Acadia Parish's multi-district scope (Bayou Decannes Nezpique, Bayou Mallet, Egan, Iota Long-Point, Wards 1–6, and multiple drainage districts), Garner will assign:

- Dedicated land-based removal teams (excavators, grapple trucks, chainsaws)
- Dedicated barge-and-excavator waterway teams
- Independent staging and hauling crews per waterway zone
- Single Program Manager overseeing all zones with real-time Parish coordination

## QA / QC & Monitoring Plan

Load Ticket Program (FEMA Protocol):

- Load tickets issued by QA/QC Monitor Representative at the loading site for every haul
- Tickets sequentially numbered; issued only for debris removed
- Each ticket records: truck ID, debris type, cubic yard volume, collection location, time, and disposal destination
- Vehicle operator presents ticket to tower monitor upon arrival at disposal/reduction site
- Tower monitor verifies actual truck volume (deducting void spaces), records to nearest cubic yard
- Contractor receives copy; original retained by QA/QC Monitor Representative
- All load tickets submitted with daily report to Parish

[redacted]

[redacted]

All site work is conducted in strict adherence to OSHA Standard 1910.120 per RFP Section 1.3.12.5. Garner's Safety Director [redacted] designates a dedicated site safety officer whose sole function is monitoring and implementing safety regulations for all crews. This individual:

- Maintains all safety records for the contract duration
- Holds daily tailgate meetings (which may include monitors)
- Updates on-site safety bulletin board daily
- Has authority to stop work for any safety violation

Daily Reporting:

- Crew count and waterway assignments reported to Parish by 12:00 PM each day
- Daily progress updates, including real-time removal volumes and schedule forecasts
- Damage log maintained; any infrastructure damage reported and repaired within 48 hours

## Disposal Plan

| Debris Category | Disposal Site Type | Garner Action |
|---|---|---|
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**Tipping Fee Pass-Through:**
Consistent with RFP Sections 1.3.9.1 and 1.3.11.1, all landfill tipping fees, taxes, and disposal costs are invoiced to the Parish at actual documented cost with zero markup or administrative charges, supported by scale tickets, receipts, and chain-of-custody documentation.

## Phase 4 — Project Closeout, Site Restoration, & Demobilization

Garner intends to closeout work areas with the Parish and Rostan as work is conducted per the specific site assignment in each segment. Our team will be prepared to address any remaining punchlist items, and to restore any work areas as the segments move along.

**Damage Documentation and Resolution**
Upon mobilization, Garner establishes a baseline site documentation protocol before any debris collection begins. The Operations Manager conducts a pre-work inspection of all ROW corridors, public infrastructure, and access routes within the designated work zone, capturing date- and time-stamped photographs and GPS coordinates of any pre-existing damage to roadways, curbs, driveways, landscaping, utilities, or structures. This documentation is shared with the City's designated representative within [redacted] of initiation.

Any damage alleged to have occurred during Garner's operations is addressed through a three-step resolution process:

1. The field supervisor is notified immediately and responds to the location within two hours;
2. Garner's Operations Manager reviews photographic records to determine causation;
3. If Garner's operations are determined to be the cause, repairs are initiated within 48 hours at Garner's expense, with written confirmation provided to the County.

All damage claims and resolutions are documented in a running Damage Log submitted with each weekly progress report. Disputed claims are escalated in writing to the County's designated representative for written authorization before any repair action is taken

**Demobilization**
Upon completion of all authorized debris removal operations and written notification from the Parish that work is complete, Garner will execute a structured demobilization sequence. All equipment assigned to Acadia Parish is removed from the [redacted] All remaining access areas are fully restored to pre-use condition. A final Damage Log reconciliation is submitted to the Parish's designated representative confirming all infrastructure damage claims are

resolved. Final project closeout documentation, [redacted]. All project records are retained for a [redacted]

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