

# Gulf Coast Services Center Stennis Space Center

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# NOAA Coastal Services Center Mission

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# Why the Gulf Coast Services Center?

- Hazards and coastal storms
- Integrated ocean observing system
- Mapping and change analysis
- Spatial positioning, navigation and ports
- Hydrodynamic and other physical modeling



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# Needs Assessment Objectives

- Literature review – complete
- Focus groups – 4 complete
- Interviews – approximately 50 completed
- Draft needs assessment report





# Strategic Planning Objectives

- Strategic planning off-site meeting –  
March 12-13
- Implementation plan – approximately May 1
- Overall focus = coordination, connecting on-the-ground managers with Coastal Services Center products and services





# Structure

- Staffing
- Steering committee
- Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource

Management coordination and collaboration



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# Northern Gulf Institute

- Steering committee composition
- Steering committee meeting, May 16-17, Biloxi
- Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research coordination
- Staffing with NOAA co-director
- Application of research, integration to operations





# Gulf of Mexico Alliance

- Staff support and staff assignments
- 2008 funding
- Gulf Coast Services Center coordination with Special Projects Office





# Coastal Storms Program (CSP)

- Gulf Coast Services Center coordination with CSP Committee
- Sea Grant coordination
- Scoping meeting – March 14-15, Biloxi
- 2008 funding





# Community Resilience Pilots

- Mobile, Alabama
- Mississippi Coast
- Louisiana and Texas
- Partnerships – Chamber of Commerce, Institute for Business and Home Safety, Sea Grant Requests for Proposals, etc.





# NOAA GoMEX Regional Team

- Gulf Coast Services Center participation
- Community resilience lead
- Priority Area Task Team resiliency pilots



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