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Subject: Lido Key Beach Nourishment – 0333315-001-JC, Sarasota County

Dear Mr. Cheng:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed US Army Corps of Engineers Lido Key, City of Sarasota project. Sarasota County recognizes the importance of managing our shorelines and their significance to our coastal community.

Given the potential implications of the project, we have engaged a coastal engineering firm to conduct a third-party review of the project elements, on behalf of Sarasota County. The focus of this review will be shoreline and user impacts to Ted Sperling Park at South Lido Beach, potential impacts to the Siesta Key shoreline, and potential impacts to navigation in Big Sarasota Pass.

This independent, science-based review will help inform the county's and the community's perspective on the project. We anticipate completion of this review by October, 2015. We will share the results and provide additional comments at that time. In the interim, please direct inquiries regarding the peer review to Laird Wreford, our Coastal Initiatives Manager, at (941) 809-7491 or lwreford@scgov.net.

Sincerely,

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