

Memorandum

From: Louisiana Arts Foundation, Inc.

Date: 10/2/2007

Re: Atchafalaya Ecovention Competition

Atchafalaya Ecovention Competition: An Invitation for Proposals

As citizens of the Atchafalaya/Mississippi watershed, we are concerned about the long-term untenability of the attempts to control the flow of the Mississippi, as well as its effects on local wildlife and traditional lifestyles. We believe engineering approaches to the river have reached their logical limit, and that the arts may provide viable alternative models for solutions to the problems of living with our local environment. Thanks to a generous gift of \$10 million from a former Old River Control engineer, we seek proposals for art projects that creatively address and refigure problems around our watershed. One proposal will be selected for execution.

Your collective is invited to present your proposal to our board on Oct. 2, 2007. Your presentation should address the following issues:

1. How will your proposed project address in new ways cultural and environmental issues around the watershed area?
2. What alternatives will it provide to the currently dominant paradigm of controlling nature?
3. How does your proposed project speak to and build on the history of artistic ecoventions?

