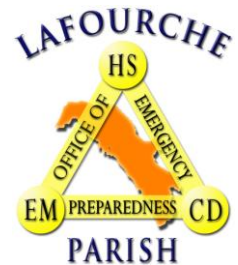




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Information on the Vessels of Opportunity Program *BP Looking to Hire Vessels to Deploy Boom in the Gulf of Mexico*

BP officials are looking to contract with vessels for hire (shrimp boats, oyster boats, etc.) for use in the comprehensive response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. These vessels are needed to deploy boom in the Gulf of Mexico.

The response contractors for this program are collecting information on vessels. They require the following information:

- Name
- Owner
- Dimensions
- Characteristics (including length, draft, horsepower, etc.)
- Other pertinent information

Information should be sent as soon as possible to Managing Contractor Vince Mitchell at vince.mitchell@lamor.com or by calling (425) 745-8017, with a copy also sent to BP Coordinator Grant Johnson at grant.johnson@bp.com.

Direction and training will be provided and determined by area response plans based on the highest priority areas on down. Currently, staging areas for the program include Venice, La., Mobile, Ala., Biloxi, Miss., Pascagoula, Miss., and Pensacola, Fla.

This program is being managed directly by BP and its contractors and the best course of action is to use the contacts provided above. Should you need additional assistance, please contact the South Louisiana Economic Council (SLEC) at (985) 448-4485.

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