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Ocean Springs prepares to defend its coastline

OCEAN SPRINGS — The Ocean Springs Board of Aldermen accepted a contract Tuesday from Anchor QEA, an environmental science and engineering consulting firm, to serve as the general contractor in the city's efforts to defend its coastline from the oil spill.

On Monday the city submitted a contingency plan to the state Department of Marine Resources for funding as the city prepares a secondary line of defense should BP's main efforts for the cleanup be diverted elsewhere, Mayor Connie Moran said. The city plans to contract with companies to handle cleanup, concerns and marsh and wetland protection.

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