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Galveston District announces Recovery Act-funded projects

The Galveston District Army Corps of Engineers released today the list of Civil Works projects in the Galveston District that are to be funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The list includes 20 projects across the district totaling more than \$298 million.

“These Recovery Act funds for our civil works projects represent a great opportunity for both the local communities and the Corps,” said Colonel David C. Weston, Galveston District commander. “We’re doing our part in order to help stimulate the nation’s economy through projects that will bring lasting benefits to our Texas coastal areas.”

The projects include 10 in Operation and Maintenance for a total of \$135.5 million; nine in Construction for a total of \$161.8 million, and one in Investigations for \$1.5 million.

The projects selected represent a set of productive investments that will contribute to economic development and aquatic ecosystem restoration.

“They will help achieve the purpose of the Recovery Act to begin expenditures quickly by investing in infrastructure,” Weston said. “In that way, they will provide long term economic and environmental benefits to our local communities and to the Nation.”

Economists estimate that Corps Recovery Act projects will create or maintain approximately 12,500 direct construction industry jobs and an additional 13,900 indirect and induced jobs in firms supplying or supporting the construction and the businesses that sell goods and services to these workers and their families per \$1 billion spent.

The projects also meet the five criteria enumerated in the Congressional report accompanying the Recovery Act, namely that the projects:

- Be obligated/executed quickly;
- Result in high, immediate employment;
- Have little schedule risk;
- Be executed by contract or direct hire of temporary labor; and
- Complete a project phase, a project, an element, or will provide a useful service that does not require additional funding.

The Galveston District projects are as follows:

Investigations:

SABINE PASS TO GALVESTON BAY

-Contract to conduct surveys and develop existing condition model based on impacts from Hurricane Ike. Study will focus on enhancements to public safety. \$1.5 million

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Construction:

HOUSTON - GALVESTON NAVIGATION CHANNELS

-Grass Plantings at Bolivar Marsh. \$300,000

-Complete Dredge Material Management Plan for Galveston Ship Channel. Provides a more efficient, least costly, environmentally acceptable disposal plan. \$500,000

-Atkinson Island Grass Planting. \$500,000

-Phase II contract to dredge Galveston Channel to authorized project depth. Completes project. \$25.1 million

-Rehabilitate and enlarge Mid Bay Placement Area creating 200 acres of wetland marshes, and reducing future maintenance costs. \$25.4 million

-Rehabilitate Placement Areas 14 & 15 to increase dredged material placement capacity and reduce future maintenance costs. \$35.4 million

SIMS BAYOU, HOUSTON

-Remove utilities plug. \$7.7 million

-Construct Reach 8B. \$22.8 million

TEXAS CITY CHANNEL

-Dredge Main Channel, and construct Placement Areas. Completes project. \$44 million

Operation and Maintenance:

CORPUS CHRISTI SHIP CHANNEL

-Construction Contract to Award remaining Option to ongoing contract to remove remaining mooring structures. Reduces risk to public, environment, and commercial/recreational navigation. \$4.5 million

-Construction Contract to increase capacity of dredged material placement area PA 13 to reduce future maintenance costs. \$2 million

GALVESTON HARBOR AND CHANNEL

-Construction Contract to dredge Inner Harbor to authorized 40 ft project depth and width. Returns channel to authorized depth and reduces future maintenance costs. \$14 million

GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY

-Construction Contract to repair of mooring buoys at all 14 mooring basins. Improves navigation safety for commercial navigation. \$5 million

-Construction contract to rehabilitate dredged material placement area levees on the reach of the GIWW from High Island to Brazos River. Reduces future maintenance costs. \$30 million

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HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL

-Contract to complete feasibility study for assumption of maintenance on Jacintoport Channel and expanded portion of Bayport Channel to reduce future maintenance costs. \$600,000

-Construction contract to rehabilitate Spilman, Lost Lake, and Peggy Lake Placement Areas. Reduces future maintenance costs. \$36.1 million

MOUTH OF THE COLORADO RIVER

-Construction contract for new East Jetty and channel realignment to reduce dredging frequency, reduce channel maintenance costs, and improve navigation safety. Completes project. \$21 million

SABINE - NECHES WATERWAY

-Construction contract to rehabilitate Placement Areas (PA) 8 and 11. Reduces future maintenance costs. \$18.7 million

TEXAS CITY SHIP CHANNEL, TX

-Construction Contract to Rehabilitate levees for Placement Area 5 and 6. Reduces future maintenance costs. \$3.6 million