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USACE awards contract for critical shoaling in Willacy County, Texas

GALVESTON , Texas (Dec. 16, 2010) – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District, awarded a \$4,946,250 contract Dec. 3 to Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Company for dredge work at the Mansfield Entrance Channel to Port Mansfield in order to relocate 500,000 cubic yards of shoal material to North Padre Island in Willacy County, Texas.

“The Corps plays a key role in America’s well-being by keeping our waterways open for navigation,” said Joe Hrametz, acting chief of the Operations Division for the Galveston District, USACE. “It is imperative that we complete this work in order to fulfill our mission of keeping safe waterways open for commercial traffic.”

The project was awarded using the urgent and compelling invitation for bids (IFB) solicitation process and is funded 100 percent using supplemental dollars.

“The entrance channel is critically shoaled due to a series of storms in 2010,” said Hrametz. “The critical shoaling we see is believed to be causing increased shoaling in the Brownsville Jetty Channel.”

Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Company is required to remove an estimated 500,000 cubic yards of shoal material during the two-week project, which is scheduled to begin in January 2011 and completed before March 1, 2011, to avoid disrupting sea turtle nesting in the area.

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