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USACE awards contract to dredge Brownsville Ship Channel

GALVESTON , Texas (Dec. 16, 2010) – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District, awarded a contract Dec. 8 to Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Company in the amount of \$4,538,850 to dredge the Brownsville Ship Channel in Cameron County, Texas.

The Texas General Land Office and City of South Padre Island partnered to contribute 2,400,000 in a non-federal cost share initiative to renourish approximately one mile of beach using beach-quality sand harvested from the dredging process.

“This is an excellent use of dredge material,” said Project Operations Manager Alicia Rea, USACE Galveston District. “While performing one of our primary missions of maintaining safe waterways for commercial traffic, we’re working with our partners to ensure environmentally sound dredging and placement of the sand.”

Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Company is required to remove an estimated 350,000 cubic yards of shoal material. A large ocean-going suction cutterhead dredge is scheduled to begin work in February 2011 and must be completed by March 1, in time for sea turtle nesting season.

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