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Construction contract on Pt. Isabel facility goes to Dallas firm

GALVESTON -- A contract for construction of a combined health care facility and administration/processing building in Port Isabel for the Immigration and Customs Enforcement division of the Department of Homeland Security was awarded to C. F. Jordan, Dallas, TX., by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District. Construction cost is \$22.6 million.

The more than 100,000 square foot building will contain medical facilities, and a processing facility with holding and isolation cells for processing of illegal aliens in addition to administration facilities. Once the notice to proceed is issued, the contractor has 539 calendar days to complete the construction.

This is the first time that Galveston District has used the "multiple award task orders contract (MATOC)" for awarding a construction contract of this magnitude rather than using the standard "Invitation for Bid (IFB)" process. In this newer method, a request for proposal is circulated and contractors are to submit their technical approach, their price, and their performance requirements. This system allows for interaction between the contractor, the customer and the Corps before the contract is awarded.

"There is a lot of learning and opportunity for interaction with the contractors during this process," said George Alcala, project manager for the Corps. "The process of selecting a construction contractor took longer and I believe the Government received the best value for its dollar."

The new building is part of the ICE (formerly INS) Port Isabel Service Processing Center (PISPC). It represents one of several major buildings that have either been constructed or will be constructed as a part of the overall \$150 million build-out for PISPC. The two government agencies have been working together through a memorandum of agreement executed in July 1997.

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, GALVESTON DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
GREENS BAYOU

A public meeting regarding the proposed federal flood damage reduction project for Greens Bayou will be held at 7:00 p.m., Sept. 11, 2003 at Klein Forest High School's auditorium, 11400 Misty Valley Drive, Houston. The meeting will allow the public an opportunity to offer their comments and concerns regarding the project.

An "open house" will be held prior to the public meeting from 5:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. to provide information to the public regarding the proposed project and the general reevaluation report.

All comments received during the public meeting will go into the official record and will be considered in the development of the project. Written comments may be submitted at the public meeting, e-mailed to the Corps at comments@greensbayouproject.com or mailed to the Corps at the following address.

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All comments must be received by Oct. 10, 2003.