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CORPS NEEDS 100+ MILLION CU. YDS. OF BORROW

*Special clay material
needed for levees
in five parishes*

By Susan Spaht

"Borrow" generally refers to earthen materials that are moved from one location to another to use as fill. The Corps of Engineers uses the term borrow to refer to the earthen clay material needed for the hurricane protection system levees.



The Corps of Engineers is seeking suppliers of large amounts of borrow to build levees in the hurricane protection system to the 100-year level. This earthen material must pass specific tests to qualify for use. (USACE Photo)

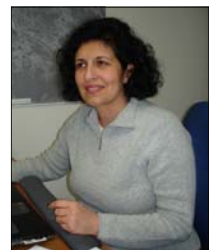
The Corps of Engineers is looking for sources of borrow to improve Louisiana's levee system. It is estimated that more than 100 million cubic yards of borrow will be needed to complete the 100-year level of protection over a five-parish area.

Earthen levee construction requires a specific type of clay material which compacts well and prevents seepage. Before borrow material will be used for levee construction, soil borings, testing and environmental clearance need to be completed. A Sources Sought Announcement

has been issued by the Corps to determine how much borrow is locally available. Any supplier who can feasibly deliver large quantities of the right type of earthen clay material is invited to respond to this announcement.

Information on the Sources Sought Announcement is available online at www.fbo.gov. To locate the Sources Sought Notice, enter W912P808SS0002 in the search box, then click the headline, "Earthen clay material needed for south Louisiana parishes."

"A Sources Sought Announcement is an opportunity for private citizens throughout the region to let the Corps know they have material that may be suitable for use in building levees," said Soheila Holley, senior project manager of the Corps' borrow team. The government will use responses to this Sources



Soheila Holley

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Crews excavate a large borrow pit for levee clay. (USACE Photo)

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Sought Announcement to make acquisition decisions regarding the possible procurement of earthen clay material.

The Corps seeks a **Capability Statement** from all parties interested in providing earthen clay. The government will use responses to this request to make decisions regarding the possible procurement of borrow material. This notice is for sources sought only. This is not a request for proposal or invitation to bid. A description of details to be included in the Capability Statement is available online at www.fbo.gov.



**RESPONSES ARE DUE
JANUARY 14 by 2:00 p.m.**

*(This deadline was extended from
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Over 100 million cubic yards of earthen material would fill approximately 20 Superdomes.

