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Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System reaches

\$2 Billion in Small Business contracts

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Small Business
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Louisiana-based
companies as
the prime contractor**

by Susan Spaht

On April 15 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reached **\$2 billion** in Small Business prime construction contract awards for the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS). This includes all construction contracts awarded since the Corps began work on the HSDRRS four and a half years ago. **Almost 30 percent** of those contract dollars went to **Louisiana-based** small businesses.

To put this in perspective, in 2004 (pre-Katrina) the New Orleans District Corps of Engineers awarded \$65.3 million in Small Business contracts. Multiply that by 4.5 (four and a half years) and you'll get approximately \$300 million over the same period of time.



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When the District includes its other Small Business contracts (normal District business) with the HSDRRS Small Business contracts, it actually reached \$2.7 billion in *overall* Small Business contracts a year ago.

"We are extremely proud to announce that we've reached the \$2 billion mark in Small Business contracts for the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System,"

said Karen Durham-Aguilera, Director of Task Force Hope. "And it is very gratifying to have so many of those contracts go to Louisiana-based companies – the people and

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Project: Floodwall construction at Collins Pipeline, New Orleans East
Small Business Contractor: Hamp's Construction, LLC of New Orleans

Project: Sand Drainage Blanket (between South Point and CXS Railroad)
Small Business Contractor: BIS Services, LLC of Kenner, La.



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businesses who were most affected by the 2005 hurricanes."

The \$2 billion in contracts went to Small, Small-Disadvantaged, Women-Owned, HUB Zone, Veteran-Owned, and Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned businesses.



Col. Alvin Lee

"The Corps of Engineers has a commitment to small and disadvantaged businesses," said Col. Alvin Lee, Commander of the New Orleans District.

"This \$2 billion mark clearly shows that the Corps is executing on its commitments. The Corps will continue to promote and include small and disadvantaged businesses in the design and construction of the HSDRRS."

Of all contract dollars so far awarded by the Corps in New Orleans for fiscal year 2010, **32.45 percent** were awarded to small businesses. That translates into almost \$500 million in contract awards to Small Business this year alone.

"The Corps has a history of supporting Small Business," said Ned Foley, Deputy for Small Business Programs, Corps of Engineers. The New Orleans District has received several awards over the past few years recognizing it for outstanding achievement in awarding contracts to small and disadvantaged businesses. "We are determined not merely to meet but to exceed the dollar value of small business contracts awarded in the future," Foley added.

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If you would like more information about HSDRRS contract opportunities, go to this Web site: http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/hps/hps_contract_info.aspx

Small Businesses play BIG part in HSDRRS success

Walker Drainage Structure



Project: Almedia/Walker Drainage Structures
Small Business Contractor:
Cycle Construction Company, LLC of Kenner, La.



Almedia Drainage Structure



Project: Goodhope Floodwall
Small Business Contractor: Integrated PRO Services, LLC of New Orleans

