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Corps awards \$29 M in contracts for St. Charles Parish

10-mile stretch of work goes from New Orleans International Airport to Bonnet Carre Spillway

By Susan Spaht

The Corps of Engineers recently awarded five contracts, totaling more than \$29 million, to build a drainage structure, enlarge approximately three miles of levees and replace two floodwalls in St. Charles Parish. These projects are part of the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System the Corps is building to provide perimeter protection to the five-parish area.

“All earthen levee contracts for the east bank of St. Charles Parish have now been awarded,”

said Brad Drouant, Project Manager.



Brad Drouant



Work has started on the Almedia drainage structure in St. Charles Parish. This section of levee is being retrofitted to raise the levee to 15.5 feet, the 100-year level elevation.

USACE Photo by Brad Drouant

“These projects will further reduce storm surge risk for residences and businesses in St. Charles Parish between Lake Pontchartrain and the Mississippi River levee.” The projects run from the New Orleans International Airport to the Bonnet Carre Spillway, a 10-mile stretch.

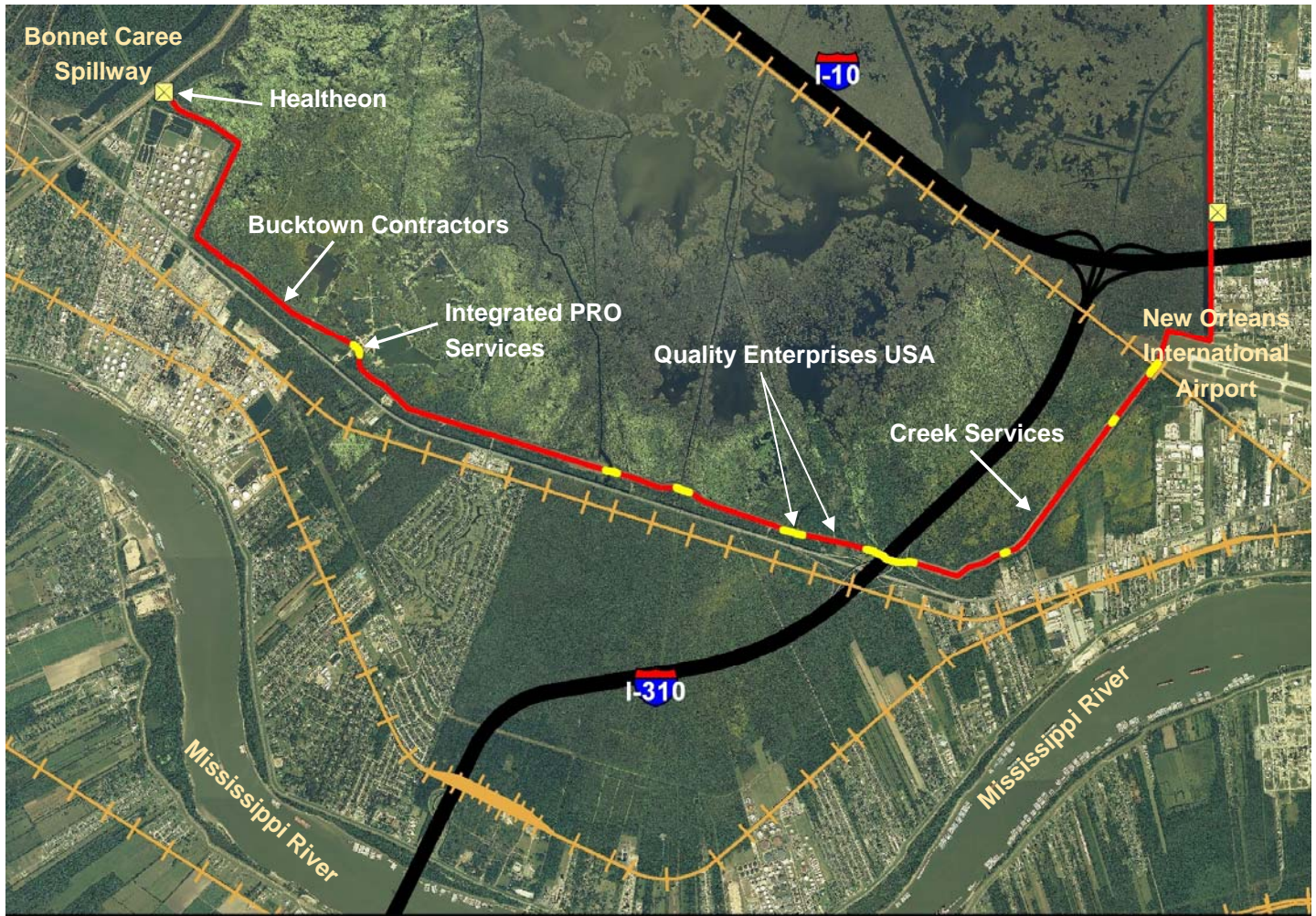
Quality Enterprises USA was awarded a \$6.4 million contract for construction of the new St. Rose

drainage structure. The contract also includes raising 0.5 mile of levees and T-walls which will tie the drainage structure into the raised levee.

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Corps at work in St. Charles Parish

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The four following contracts were awarded through the Corps' small business program:

- **Creek Services, LLC of Gretna** was awarded a nearly \$8 million contract to raise the existing levee from the I-310 Floodwall to the Walker Drainage Structure to elevation +16.0 ft.
- **Bucktown Contractors & Co. of Kenner** was awarded a \$6.6 million contract to enlarge the levee from the Shell Pipeline to the Goodhope Floodwall to elevation +16.0 ft.
- **Integrated PRO Services LLC of New Orleans** was awarded a \$2.4

million contract to replace the existing Goodhope Floodwall with a new floodwall to elevation +17 ft.

- **Healtheon, Inc. of New Orleans** was awarded a nearly \$6 million contract to construct a floodwall in front of the existing Bayou Trepagnier Pump Station. The floodwall will be constructed to elevation +18.5 ft.

"A continuing goal of the Corps is to award contracts to small and disadvantaged businesses," said Karen Durham-Aguilera, Director of Task Force Hope, "and it is especially gratifying when those contracts go to Louisiana businesses."

The remaining contracts for this

stretch of St. Charles Parish – the Cross Bayou drainage structure, a floodwall under I-310, and a railroad gate at the airport – will all be awarded before summer, according to Drouant. All projects will be completed before or by June 2011.

In addition to the Corps' work in this area, the Pontchartrain Levee District is about to award a contract to construct a pump station at Cross Bayou. "This project is adjacent to our drainage structure," said Drouant, "and we are working closely with the Pontchartrain Levee District to ensure that their structure meets the Corps' 100-year specifications."



Brigadier General (P) Michael J. Walsh

A Message from the Commander

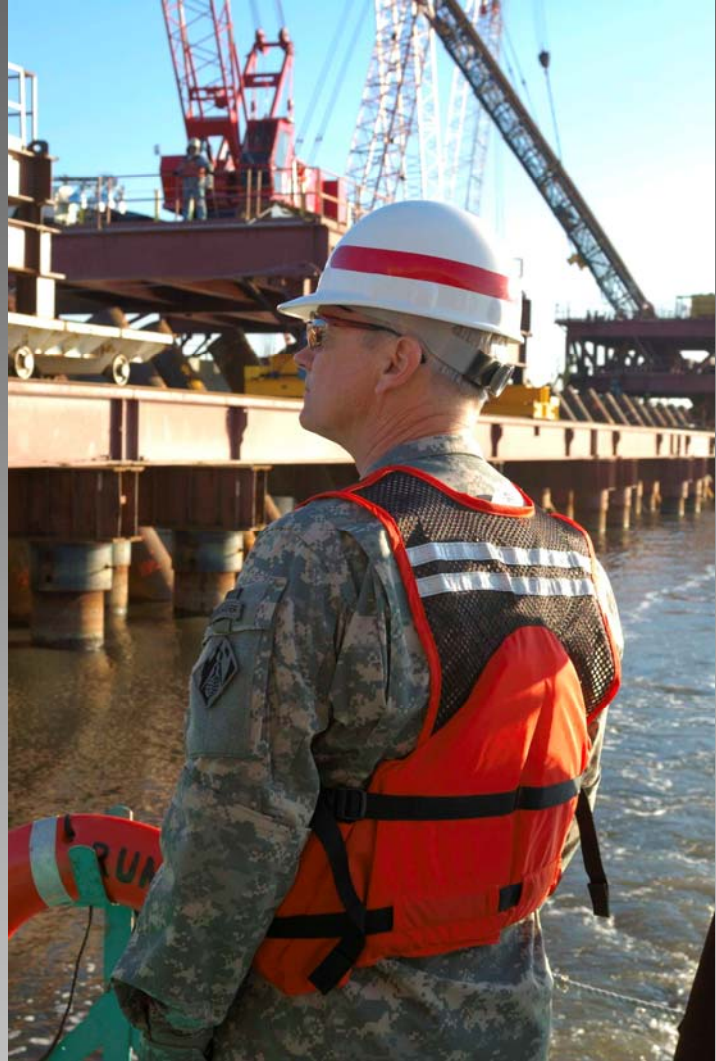
Editor's Note: BG(P) Michael Walsh is Commander of the Mississippi Valley Division, made up of six Districts, including the New Orleans District. BG(P) Walsh also serves as President of the Mississippi River Commission.

Over the past four years, the Corps of Engineers and our partners have made significant progress on the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System. We are progressing rapidly toward our goal of providing risk reduction to the 100-year level, or the one percent chance of flooding in any particular year.

We are using the expert know-how from many other districts in the Corps, we are calling on academia, and we are using state-of-the-art technologies and the expertise of industry to design and construct the System. The perimeter system is already stronger and more resilient than at any time in history.

Looking ahead, 2010 is going to be a banner year for the Corps of Engineers and for southeast Louisiana. The citizens of this area are going to see a considerable amount of construction all around the five-parish area. Additionally, the President's Fiscal 2011 Budget includes \$35 million for the New Orleans District's Louisiana Coastal Area program which will be applied to coastal restoration projects that have been approved for construction, and to continue feasibility studies for six other important projects. Implementation of the Beneficial Use of Dredged Material Program is included in this funding.

Our success to date results from a shared vision among federal, state and non-governmental organizations, and we are on track to meet our June 2011 goal.



BG(P) Walsh on a recent visit to view the progress at the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal Surge Barrier project.

Michael Walsh

USACE Photo by Paul Floro

Summary of HSDRRS Contracts

There are 355 construction contracts throughout the five-parish area that are part of the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System. Of those, 115 contracts are for perimeter projects that will provide the 100-year level of risk reduction. The Corps of Engineers' goal is to complete the features for 100-year level risk reduction by June 2011.



Levee raise - St. Bernard Parish - Complete

Total Contracts	100-Year Contracts
355	115

Awarded	238	78
Under Construction	83	56
Complete	155	22
Remaining Awards	117	37

As of Feb. 10, 2010



West Closure Complex - Under Construction



Current



Conceptual

Seabrook Floodgate - Remaining to be awarded

Corps announces schedule of Public Meetings for February



Monday, Feb. 22, 2010

MRGO Ecosystem Restoration Violet Freshwater Diversion Neighborhood Meeting

W. Smith Elementary School
6701 E. St. Bernard Hwy.
Violet, LA 70092
Open House 6 to 6:30 p.m.
Presentation 6:30 p.m.



Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010

Coastal Restoration Town Hall Meeting

Lake Charles Civic Association
900 Lakeshore Dr.
Lake Charles, LA 70601
Open House 6 to 6:30 p.m.
Presentation 6:30 p.m.



Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010

Coastal Restoration Town Hall Meeting

St. Mary Parish AARP building
4014 Chennault St.
Morgan City, LA 70380
Open House 6 to 6:30 p.m.
Presentation 6:30 p.m.



Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010

Coastal Restoration Town Hall Meeting

Jefferson Parish Westbank
Council Chambers
200 Derbigny St.
Gretna, LA 70053
Open House 6 to 6:30 p.m.
Presentation 6:30 p.m.

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