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New Orleans closes in on hurricane protection

Corps advertises first canal closure structure and pumps

New Orleans moved two steps closer to hurricane protection on Friday when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers solicited bids for the London Avenue interim closure structure and temporary storm water pumps at the closures. These actions keep the Corps on track to provide hurricane protection to New Orleans by June 1, 2006.

- The London Avenue solicitation is the first of three for interim closure structures, each with an expected cost of between \$20 and \$35 million; the other closures will be on the 17th Street and Orleans canals.
- The solicitation for the London Avenue closes January 20, 2006.
- In all, 34 temporary pumps will be used at the London Avenue, 17th Street, and Orleans canals, with an estimated total cost between \$12 and \$30 million
- The solicitation for the temporary pumps closes January 18, 2006.

All parties interested in the solicitation should register at www.mvn.usace.army.mil/ebs.

To learn more about upcoming jobs related to the Corps' clean-up, repair and reconstruction of the hurricane protection system, visit these websites:

For New Orleans projects, visit:
<http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil>

For federal business opportunities, go to:
<http://www.fbo.gov>

Task Force Guardian is a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers task force charged with the mission to repair to the New Orleans area federal levee system by June 1, 2006.