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Corps announces request for sources of borrow material

Submissions needed by 2:00 p.m. Jan. 7, 2008

NEW ORLEANS - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, has released a Sources Sought Announcement (W912P8-08-SS-0002) to identify additional suppliers of earthen clay, also called borrow, that can be used to rebuild levees as part of the Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction System in the New Orleans metropolitan area. Responses to the Sources Sought statement must be received by the Corps by 2 p.m. CST Jan. 7, 2008, to be considered in the Corps assessment of supplier capabilities and market conditions.

"The Corps needs over 100 million cubic yards of earthen clay," said Soheila Holley, senior project manager of the borrow team. "We are engaging the private sector to assist the Corps in identifying the borrow sources needed to complete the system."

The Corps anticipates this Sources Sought Announcement will provide information on the capabilities of suppliers to provide borrow needed for the Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction System. The Sources Sought Announcement will allow the Corps to identify suppliers who can directly deliver large quantities of clay for construction of the projects.

Any supplier who can feasibly deliver large quantities of clay is invited to respond to the Sources Sought Announcement. The Corps anticipates that its minimum orders will require 500,000 cubic yards of borrow which will have to be delivered within three months, resulting in a sustained delivery rate of about 6,000 cubic yards per day.

Parties interested in responding to the Corps' borrow needs must submit the following information by 2 p.m. CST, Jan. 7, 2008:

- Firm name, address, telephone and fax number
- If submitting as a small business, certification of such

- Past experience with excavating and transporting clay material
- Letter from a bonding agency indicating performance and payment bond capacity
- List of existing teaming agreements in place with other businesses
- List of equipment to be used to excavate and transport material
- Locations of clay material sources and approximate quantities per acre per site
- Indication of whether or not the supplier is the owner of the source site(s) or has obtained permission from the owner to excavate material from the site(s)
- Proof of environmental clearance of the source site(s) (if available)
- Results of geotechnical testing (if available)

Additional information about this business opportunity, including criteria for suitable borrow can be downloaded from the Federal Business Opportunities Web site: www.fbo.gov, the solicitation number is W912P8-08-SS-0002.

Submissions should be sent to:

US Army Corps of Engineers

Contracting Division

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