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Corps awards contract for Elmwood Canal Bridge as part of Southeast Louisiana Urban Flood Damage Reduction Project (SELA)

NEW ORLEANS – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, awarded a contract today for work in Jefferson Parish on the Elmwood Canal Bridge at Kawanee Avenue. Work is scheduled to begin in February.

Allen Wright Enterprises, Inc. and Hamp's Construction, LLC., in a joint venture, received the \$5.8 million contract to replace the existing bridge with a new pile founded, two-lane concrete bridge. The contractors will also complete associated canal improvements to tie into the existing canal improvements on either side of the bridge.

Soheila Holley, SELA project manager, said, "The construction of this project will improve the canal flow and bring us another step closer to completion of improvements planned for the Elmwood-Soniat system."

The Elmwood Canal Bridge Project encompasses a 154-foot-wide section of the Elmwood Canal and includes concrete slope paving on both sides, ending with 18 inches of rip-rap with geotextile beneath it covering the bottom. The bridge design includes a pre-cast, pre-stressed pile foundation. This project also covers all incidental road work and utility relocations required for construction.

This is a section 8(a) contract, meaning it is reserved for small disadvantaged businesses as part of the Small Business Act.

SELA provides channel and pumping station improvements in Orleans and Jefferson Parishes to support the master drainage plans and generally provides flood damage reduction on a level associated with a 10-year rainfall event. At the same time SELA reduces damages for larger events.