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Houma, La. Contractor Receives Levee Rebuilding Contract

New Orleans - A contract to rebuild a portion of a St. Bernard Parish Hurricane Protection Levee has been awarded to the Houma, La., firm of Manson Gulf, LLC. The contract to clear land, remove existing damaged sheet pile, perform excavation and to rebuild the levee along the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet was awarded for \$11,731,550.

The contract will include seeding, fertilizing and mulching, as well as other incidental work along the approximately six-mile stretch of the levee from Bayou Bienvenue to Bayou Dupre, that was damaged when it was overtopped by storm surge from Hurricane Katrina on Sept. 29.

The project is part of the mission assigned by Mississippi Valley Division and Task Force Hope Commander, Brig. Gen. Robert Crear, to Task Force Guardian. Task Force Hope is the Corps' overarching mission to assist in hurricane recovery throughout the impacted regions of Louisiana and Mississippi.

Task Force Guardian's assignment is to restore the federal Levees that provide hurricane and flood protection to the area to a pre-Katrina level of performance by June 1, 2006.