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Corps announces advance measures plan to reduce hurricane flood risk in the Inner Harbor Navigational Canal

NEW ORLEANS – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced today a plan to provide advance storm surge protection measures in the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal (IHNC) by the 2009 hurricane season. Permanent 100-year level of protection is scheduled for completion by June 2011.

The Corps included the advance measure requirement to the Request for Proposal (RFP) that was released today for permanent measures for the IHNC.

This will provide increased protection and reduced risk from hurricane-related flooding about two years before the projected 2011 completion date for the permanent 100-year protection for metropolitan New Orleans, New Orleans East, and St. Bernard Parish.

Both the advance measures and permanent solution will protect the city by restricting or stopping storm surge during a hurricane event.

A short-list of firms has already been identified to receive the Request for Proposal. They will be asked to provide advance measures in their final design proposal that reduces risk by the 2009 hurricane season. The increased level of protection provided by the advance measures will be determined after a winning contractor is selected.

The design-build construction contract will be awarded by spring 2008. Construction on the advance measures is expected to begin summer 2008.

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