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## **Contracts Awarded to Local Companies for Levee Repair**

New Orleans – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recently awarded four more contracts to Louisiana companies for repair and reconstruction work in Orleans and St. Bernard parishes. Contracts have been awarded to:

- Cycle Construction Co, Inc., of Metairie, La., for emergency restoration of the hurricane protection system on the East side of the Inner Harbor Navigation Channel from the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway levee to the Lake Pontchartrain levee. Work to be performed under the \$1,080,249 contract includes removing debris; placing random and embankment fill; placing geotextile, bentonite slurry, rock and ballast; repairing or replacing concrete sills, installing sheet seal plates, cutting concrete, driving sheet piles, construction pipe penetration through sheet pile, and placing riprap.
- LL&G Construction, Inc., of Houma, La., for repairs and modifications to the Bayou Bienvenue Control Structure in St. Bernard Parish. Work to be performed under the \$7,994,030 contract includes driving sheet pile, placing fill, stone and reinforced concrete, pressure grouting, excavation, placing reinforcement geotextile, and fertilizing, seeding and mulching.
- M.R. Pittman Group, LLC, of Harahan, La., for repairs and modifications to the Bayou Dupre Control Structure in St. Bernard Parish. Work to be performed under the \$7,951,896 contract includes driving steel sheet pile, placing fill, stone and reinforced concrete, pressure grouting, excavation, placing reinforcement geotextile, and fertilizing, seeding and mulching.
- M.R. Pittman Group, LLC, of Harahan, La., for sheet pile repairs to the London Avenue Canal floodwall breach at Mirabeau Avenue. Work to be performed under the \$4,161,375 contract includes construction of a sheet pile wall to replace the damaged I-wall monoliths near the Mirabeau

Avenue Bridge on the East side of London Avenue Canal. A tie-in to the existing wall will require reinforced concrete and jet grouting. Site work will also include selective demolition, placing crushed stone and riprap, and miscellaneous clearing.

Contracts are being awarded as part of emergency procurement procedures under the Army Corps of Engineers Task Force Guardian.

Task Force Guardian was formed by Brig. Gen. Robert Crear, commander of the Corp's Mississippi Valley Division, to restore New Orleans to pre-Katrina levels of hurricane and flood protection by June 2006.

More than 100 engineers, scientists, legal, contracting and other support staff – primarily from the New Orleans area – are working under Task Force Guardian.

By the end of December 2005, the task force will have completed enough work to establish an interim level of flood protection by elevating the levees to 10 feet above sea level.

Under the Task Force Guardian to date, 35 contracts have been, or currently are, advertised (5) or awarded (30), with an estimated value of approximately \$291 million. Of those contracts awarded, more than 91% have been awarded to Louisiana businesses.