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Corps awards Southeast Louisiana Urban Flood Control Project (SELA) contracts

Work continues on the Jefferson Parish West Bank

NEW ORLEANS – Work is set to begin this month in the area west of the Harvey Canal. Two contracts were awarded.

An \$8.8 million contract went to Allen Wright Enterprises, Inc./Hamp's Construction, LLC. This award is for construction of a new generator building, installation of a new generator, and provision of a water well at the Westminster/Lincolnshire Pump Station.

RES Contractors, LLC, received the nearly \$1.5 million contract for the Westwego Pumping Station, No. 2. The agreement calls for replacing the number three pump's electric motor with a diesel engine.

Stan Green, SELA project manager, said the awarded contracts “are designed to increase the reliability of existing capacity” at each of the pump stations.

These are both section 8(a) contracts, meaning that they are reserved for small disadvantaged businesses as part of the Small Business Act.

This work is part of the overall Southeast Louisiana Urban Flood Control project, commonly known as SELA. Jefferson Parish, with which the Corps is working in partnership on SELA projects, ordinarily pays 25 percent of each project's cost. However, these contracts are being funded at 100 percent Federal expense with emergency appropriations provided by Congress in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.