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Hurricane contract awarded for West Bank

First post-Katrina levee elevation contract, the first of many expected

NEW ORLEANS—The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awarded a \$16.9 million contract Tuesday to elevate about three miles of hurricane levee on the West Bank of metropolitan New Orleans.

“This is the first contract to be awarded since Hurricane Katrina for the West Bank and Vicinity Hurricane Protection Project,” said Mike Stack, the Corps’ project manager. “This is the first of many levee contracts on the West Bank that we expect to award in the months ahead.”

The contract was awarded to Manson Gulf LLC of Houma to elevate the levee by about four feet from the Lake Cataouatche Pump Station northwest to U.S. 90, a little south of Waggaman.

Under post-Katrina legislation, the federal government will pay for 100 percent of the project. The Corps is working in coordination with its non-federal partners, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and the West Jefferson Levee District

In addition to the levee section, the construction will include the relocation of an interior drainage canal and the construction of wave and stability berms. The latter are low-angled levee components that, respectively, protect the levee by reducing storm-surge energy and by providing weight to support the levee.

The project will require an estimated 1.2 million cubic yards of material. About 760,000 cubic yards of clay will be needed for the levee and berms, and another 440,000 cubic yards of sand to fill the drainage canal.