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Baton Rouge Small Business Receives Levee Repair Contract

New Orleans – A contract to perform levee repair work in Plaquemines Parish has been awarded to the Baton Rouge, La., firm of Purnell Construction. The contract includes clearing and grubbing, excavation, and placing semi-compacted fill and armor stone, and was awarded for \$1,878,726 under the Small Business Administration's 8(a) Business Development Program.

The contract also includes surfacing on borrow access roads, fertilizing, seeding, and other incidental work in the Reach C Levee area, which was hit hard as Hurricane Katrina made landfall on the Louisiana coast on Aug. 29.

The project is part of the mission assigned by the Army Corps' Mississippi Valley Division Commander, Brig. Gen. Robert Crear, to Task Force Guardian.

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

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Note: The SBA's 8(a) Business Development was created to help small disadvantaged businesses compete in the American economy and access

the federal procurement market. SBA defines a small business concern as one that is independently owned and operated, is organized for profit, and is not dominant in its field.