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## **Robert, La. Company Receives Levee Repair Contract**

New Orleans – A contract to repair levee systems in Orleans Parish has been awarded to the Robert, La., firm of GNG Construction, Inc. Work to be performed under the contract includes constructing a sheet pile wall to replace damaged I-wall monoliths near the Robert E. Lee Blvd. bridge on the west side of the London Avenue Canal. A tie-in to the existing wall will require reinforced concrete and jet grouting.

Other site work will include selective demolition, placement of crushed stone and riprap, and miscellaneous clearing.

The contract was awarded for \$5,896,600 under the U.S. Small Business Administration's Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) program.

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.

Under Task Force Guardian to date, 30 contracts have been, or currently are, advertised (11) or awarded (19), with an estimated value of approximately \$178 million. Of those contracts awarded, more than 95% have been awarded to Louisiana businesses.

Note: The HUBZone Empowerment Contracting Program stimulates economic development and creates jobs in urban and rural communities by providing Federal contracting preferences to small businesses. These preferences go to small businesses that obtain HUBZone (Historically Underutilized Business Zone) certification in part by employing staff who live in a HUBZone and by maintaining a principal office in one of these specially designated areas.