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## Harvey, La. Small Business Receives Levee Repair Contract

New Orleans – A contract to perform levee repair work in Plaquemines Parish has been awarded to the Harvey, La., firm of Creek Services, LLC. The work consists of clearing, excavating borrow material, and placing semi-compacted fill and structural backfill. The \$1,112,275 contract was awarded under the Small Business Administration's 8(a) Business Development Program.

The contract also includes fertilizing and seeding, and other incidental work at Reach B-1 of the Plaquemines Parish Levee District, which was damaged when 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.