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Dredging contractor gearing up for busy year

DETROIT — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District awarded two contracts to a Michigan company with a combined worth of more than a million dollars to dredge the Detroit River, and Grand Haven and Holland Harbors.

The King Company, out of Holland, Mich., was awarded the contract to dredge the Detroit River worth almost \$840,000. The work includes the removal of 232,000 cubic yards of material from the Detroit River navigation channel. Dredging should begin in June and finish in August.

The same company was awarded the contract to dredge the Grand Haven and Holland Harbors on the Michigan side of Lake Michigan for about \$546,000. This work includes the removal of 76,000 cubic yards of material from the navigation channels in Grand Haven and Holland. Dredging should begin in April and finish in May.

The Detroit District traditionally dredges the Detroit River, Grand Haven, and Holland Harbors every one to two years. The Detroit River, Grand Haven, and Holland were last dredged in 2007.

This work will help ensure shipping lanes remain open and able to support the high volume of commercial vessels that pass up and down the Detroit River.

The Detroit District plans to remove about 1.5 million cubic yards of material from the Great Lakes waterways in 2008. Dozens of projects throughout the region will be contracted out to Great Lakes area businesses by the Detroit District to support these activities.

The Detroit District manages 94 harbors in and around Lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron, St. Clair and the Michigan portion of Lake Erie. In addition to the Detroit River, the Corps in Detroit handles the connecting channels of the St. Marys and St. Clair Rivers in Michigan.

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