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Army Corps of Engineers wraps-up 2008 maintenance dredging contract awards for the upper Great Lakes

DETROIT – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District, announces it has completed awards of \$20 million in maintenance dredging contracts for fiscal year 2008, which ends Sept. 30. The Detroit District awarded 28 contracts to dredge 39 projects this year, almost doubling the 15 dredging contracts awarded in fiscal year 2007. The Detroit District contracts were awarded for dredging projects in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

“The Detroit District’s dredging program for 2008 will provide significant benefits to boaters and navigation interest throughout Michigan., Minnesota, and Wisconsin,” said Wayne Schloop, Chief of Operations for the Detroit District.

When completed, the projects will have dredged about 2 million cubic yards of shoaled material that have or could have hindered shipping and vessel traffic in rivers, harbors and ports, adversely impacting navigation throughout the Great Lakes.

“With the increase in funding for fiscal year 2008 our maintenance dredging program will reduce the backlog sediment build-up in miles of navigation channels. In addition, it will open some shallow draft harbors which were virtually closed because of severe shoaling,” said Schloop.

Some of the contracts awarded this year were a direct result of the Congressional Omnibus Appropriation Bill, which provided for a much more comprehensive dredging program.

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District civil works program encompasses 82,000 square miles of land inhabited by about 14 million people in Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. The Corps operates and/or maintains 94 harbors. Its mission includes real estate transactions, flood control, regulatory activities, disaster response, and mobilization readiness.

Dredging contracts 3-3-3

The Detroit District dredging projects awarded this year are listed below:

Project: Clinton River, Mich.

Date awarded: Sept. 30, 2008

Amount: \$367,653

Material to be dredged: 7,500 cubic yards

Contractor: Bayshore Contractors, LLC, 678 Front Street NW, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Scope of work: Maintenance dredging of Manitowoc Harbor to remove shoaled material and transport dredged material to the Clinton River disposal facility.

Status: Work is expected to begin this fall.

Project: Grand Marais Harbor, Minn.

Date awarded: Sept. 26, 2008

Amount: \$319,300

Material to be dredged: 7,500 cubic yards.

Contractor: Bayshore Contractors, LLC, 678 Front Street NW, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Scope of work: Maintenance dredging of Grand Marais Harbor to remove shoaled material and transport dredged material to an upland disposal site.

Status: Work is expected to begin this fall.

Project: Manitowoc Harbor, Wis.

Date awarded: Sept. 25, 2008

Amount: \$252,500

Material to be dredged: 13,000 cubic yards

Contractor: Luedtke Engineering Co., 10 Fourth Street, Frankfort, Mich.

Scope of work: Maintenance dredging of Manitowoc Harbor to remove shoaled material and put dredged material in the Manitowoc disposal facility.

Status: Work is expected to begin this fall.

Project: Kewaunee River, Sturgeon Bay and Lake Michigan Ship Canal, Wis.

Date awarded: Sept. 22, 2008

Amount: \$727,300

Material to be dredged: combined 30,500 cubic yards

Contractor: Luedtke Engineering Co., 10 Fourth Street, Frankfort, Mich.

Scope of work: Maintenance dredging of the Kewaunee River (13,500 cubic yards), Sturgeon Bay and Lake Michigan Ship Canal (17,000 cubic yards) to remove shoaled material. In the Kewaunee project, the material will be put in a disposal facility. The material from Sturgeon Bay and the canal will be deposited upland.

Status: Work is expected to begin this fall.

Dredging contracts 4-4-4

Project: Saxon Harbor, Wis.

Date awarded: Sept. 18, 2008

Amount: \$207,800

Material to be dredged: 4,500 cubic yards

Contractor: Roen Salvage Co., 180 East Redwood Street, Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

Scope of work: Maintenance dredging of Saxon Harbor to remove shoaled material and dispose it in a nearby upland placement site.

Status: Work is expected to begin this fall.

Project: St. Marys River, Mich.

Date awarded: Sept. 18, 2008

Amount: \$727,300

Material to be dredged: 24,000 cubic yards

Contractor: Luedtke Engineering Co., 10 Fourth Street, Frankfort, Mich.

Scope of work: Maintenance dredging of the St. Marys River to remove shoaled material from the West Neebish Channel, the river channel between Neebish Island and the Michigan mainland, and transporting the material to a disposal facility.

Status: Work is expected to begin this fall

Project: Upper Saginaw River, Mich.

Date awarded: Sept. 8, 2008

Amount: \$1,932,275

Material to be dredged: 212,500 cubic yards

Contractor: Luedtke Engineering Co., 10 Fourth Street, Frankfort, Mich.

Scope of work: Maintenance dredging of the upper Saginaw River to remove shoaled material from the shipping channel. Then transport it to the Dredged Material Disposal Facility near Zilwaukee, Mich.

Status: Work is expected to begin this fall.

Project: Menominee Harbor/River, Wis.

Date awarded: Sept. 8, 2008

Amount: \$793,000

Material to be dredged: 108,000 cubic yards

Contractor: Roen Salvage Co., 180 East Redwood Street, Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

Scope of work: Maintenance dredging of the Menominee River to remove shoaled material from the mouth of the river.

Status: Work is expected to begin this fall.

Dredging contracts 5-5-5

Project: Sebewaing Harbor, Mich

Date awarded: Aug. 29, 2008

Amount: \$553,220

Material to be dredged: 31,000 cubic yards

Contractor: MCM Marine, Inc., 1065 East Portage Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie. Mich.

Scope of work: Maintenance dredging of Sebewaing Harbor of shoaled material, and pump it to an upland site

Status: Work is expected to begin this fall.

Project: AuSable Harbor, Mich

Date awarded: Aug. 11, 2008

Amount: \$196,042

Material to be dredged: 11,000 cubic yards

Contractor: MCM Marine, Inc., 1065 East Portage Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie. Mich.

Scope of work: Maintenance dredging of AuSable Harbor to remove 29,700 cubic yards of shoaled material and pump it onto the shore, placing it on beach to mitigate erosion.

Status: Work is expected to be completed by end of September.

Project: Monroe and Bolles Harbors, Mich.

Date awarded: July 7, 2008

Amount: \$490,685

Material being dredged: combined 59,500 cubic yards

Contractor: MCM Marine, Inc., 1065 East Portage Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie. Mich.

Scope of work: Maintenance dredging of Monroe (40,000 cubic yards) and Bolles (19,500 cubic yards) Harbors of shoaled material and placed into the Sterling State Park and Bolles disposal facilities respectively.

Status: Work is expected to be completed in October.

Project: Ontonagon, Port Wing and Cornucopia Harbors, Mich.

Date awarded: June 10, 2008

Amount: \$582,765

Material being dredged: combined 74,000 cubic yards

Contractor: MCM Marine, Inc., 1065 East Portage Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie. Mich.

Scope of work: Maintenance dredging of Ontonagon (55,000 cubic yards), Port Wing (11,500 cubic yards) and Cornucopia Harbors (7,500 cubic yards) to remove shoaled material and pump it onto the shore, placing it on beach to mitigate erosion.

Status: Work is expected to be completed in October.

Dredging contracts 6-6-6

Project: Big Bay and Whitefish Point Harbors, Mich.

Date awarded: June 10, 2008

Amount: \$364,240

Material dredged: combined 46,000 cubic yards

Contractor: Morrish-Wallace Construction Co., doing business as: Ryba Marine Construction Co., 520 North Main Street, Suite 301 Cheboygan, Mich.

Scope of work: Maintenance dredging of Big Bay (25,000 cubic yards) and Whitefish Point Harbors (21,000 cubic yards) of shoaled material, placing it on beach to mitigate erosion.

Status: Work was completed on both harbors in September.

Project: Rouge River, Mich.

Date awarded: June 10, 2008

Amount: \$651,725

Material dredged: 38,500 cubic yards

Contractor: Luedtke Engineering Co., 10 Fourth Street, Frankfort, Mich.

Scope of work: Maintenance dredging of the Rouge River of shoaled material and transporting it by barge to the Pointe Mouille disposal facility.

Status: Work was completed in September.

Project: Saugatuck and South Haven Harbors, Mich.

Date awarded: June 2, 2008

Amount: \$315,000

Material being dredged: combined 48,500 cubic yards

Contractor: The King Co., Inc., 13520 Barry Street, Holland, Mich.

Scope of work: Maintenance dredging of Saugatuck (33,500 cubic yards) and South Haven (15,000 cubic yards) Harbors to remove shoaled material and pump it onto shore, placing it on beach to mitigate erosion.

Status: Work is expected to be completed in September.

Project: Duluth-Superior Entry, Minn./Wis.

Date awarded: May 21, 2008

Amount: \$1,274,530

Material being dredged: 158,500 cubic yards

Contractor: MCM Marine, Inc., 1065 East Portage Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Scope of work: Maintenance dredging of material from the entry of Superior Bay, and pumping it onto the shore, placing it on beach to mitigate erosion.

Status: Work is expected to be completed in November.

Dredging contracts 7-7-7

Project: Lexington and Port Sanilac, Mich.

Date awarded: May 20, 2008

Amount: \$423,210

Material dredged: combined 53,000 cubic yards

Contractor: MCM Marine, Inc., 1065 East Portage Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Scope of work: Maintenance dredging of Lexington (22,500 cubic yards) and Port Sanilac (30,500 cubic yards) harbors of shoaled material and pump it onto the shore, placing it on beach to mitigate erosion.

Status: Work was completed on both harbors in August.

Project: Portage Lake and White Lake Harbors, Mich.

Date awarded: May 19, 2008

Amount: \$309,150

Material dredged: combined 48,500 cubic yards

Contractor: The King Co., Inc., 13520 Barry Street, Holland, Mich.

Scope of work: Maintenance dredging of Portage Lake (37,000 cubic yards) and White Lake Harbors (11,500 cubic yards) to remove shoaled material and pump it onto the shore, placing it on beach to mitigate erosion.

Status: Work was completed on both harbors in August.

Project: St. Joseph Harbor, Mich.

Date awarded: May 16, 2008

Award amount: \$1,834,430

Material being dredged: 173,000 cubic yards

Contractor: Great Lakes Dock & Materials LLC, 559 East Western Avenue, Muskegon, Mich.

Scope of work: Emergency maintenance dredging of the St. Joseph Harbor federal navigation channel because shoaling. The dredged material is transported by barge to the South East Michigan Regional Airport in Benton Harbor. On March 24, 2008, the tug barge PERE MARQUETTE 41 was unable to reach commercial docks in the Harbor due to unprecedented shoaling in the federal navigation channel. A survey completed soon after showed there was only seven feet of water available in the 21 feet channel. On April 7, the Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers declared the St. Joseph Inner Harbor an Emergency Dredging project, and work began to re-open the channel.

Status: Work is expected to be completed in October.

Dredging contracts 8-8-8

Project: Little Lake Harbor, Mich.

Date awarded: May 7, 2008

Amount: \$475,980

Material dredged: 66,000 cubic yards

Contractor: MCM Marine, Inc., 1065 East Portage Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Scope of work: Maintenance dredging of Little Lake Harbor of shoaled material and placing it on the shore, placing it on beach to mitigate erosion.

Status: Work was completed in August.

Project: Green Bay Harbor, Wis.

Date awarded: April 29, 2008

Amount: \$4,233,900

Material dredged: 270,000 cubic yards

Contractor: Roen Salvage Co., 180 East Redwood Street, Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

Scope of work: Maintenance dredging of shoaled material in Green Bay Harbor and putting the dredged material in the nearby Bayport disposal facility.

Status: Work was completed in August.

Project: Manistee Harbor, Mich.

Date awarded: April 15, 2008

Amount: \$510,240

Material dredged: 63,000 cubic yards

Contractor: MCM Marine, Inc., 1065 East Portage Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Scope of work: Maintenance dredging of Manistee Harbors to remove shoaled material and pump it onto the shore, placing it on beach to mitigate erosion.

Status: Work was completed in July.

Project: Leland, Arcadia and Pentwater Harbors, Mich.

Date awarded: April 8, 2008

Amount: \$321,175

Material dredged: combined 43,100 cubic yards

Contractor: MCM Marine, Inc., 1065 East Portage Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Scope of work: Maintenance dredging of Leland (24,300 cubic yards), Arcadia (6,200 cubic yards) and Pentwater (12,600 cubic yards) Harbors to remove shoaled material and pump it onto the shore, placing it on beach to mitigate erosion.

Status: Work was completed on all three harbors in June.

Dredging contracts 9-9-9

Project: New Buffalo, Mich.

Date awarded: April 1, 2008

Amount: \$85,000

Material dredged: 6,500 cubic yards

Contractor: MCM Marine, Inc., 1065 East Portage Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Scope of work: Maintenance dredging of shoaled material and pumping it onto the shore, placing it on beach to mitigate erosion.

Status: Work was completed in June.

Project: Muskegon Harbor, Mich.

Date awarded: March 27, 2008

Amount: \$521,500

Material dredged: 80,500 cubic yards

Contractor: The King Co., Inc., 13520 Barry Street, Holland, Mich.

Scope of work: Maintenance dredging of Muskegon Harbor of shoaled material and pump it onto the shore, placing it on beach to mitigate erosion.

Status: Work was completed in June.

Project: Milwaukee Harbor, Milwaukee, Wis.

Date awarded: Feb. 26, 2008

Amount: \$458,900

Material dredged: 32,000 cubic yards

Contractor: Contractor: Morrish-Wallace Construction Co., doing business as: Ryba Marine Construction Co., 520 North Main Street, Suite 301 Cheboygan, Mich..

Scope of work: Maintenance dredging of Milwaukee Harbor of shoaled material and transporting it by barge to the Milwaukee disposal facility.

Status: Work was completed in June.

Project: Detroit, River, Mich.

Date awarded: Jan. 31, 2008

Amount: \$838,000

Material dredged: 232,000 cubic yards

Contractor: The King Co., Inc., 13520 Barry Street, Holland, Mich.

Scope of work: Maintenance dredging of shoaled material and pumping it into the Pointe Mouille disposal facility.

Status: Work was completed in July.

Dredging contracts 10-10-10

Project: Grand Haven (outer) and Holland Harbors, Mich.

Date awarded: Jan. 30, 2008

Amount: \$566,000

Material dredged: combined 76,000 cubic yards

Contractor: The King Co., Inc., 13520 Barry Street, Holland, Mich.

Scope of work: Maintenance dredging of Grand Haven (40,000 cubic yards) and Holland Harbors (36,000 cubic yards) to remove shoaled material and pump it onto the shore, placing it on beach to mitigate erosion.

Status: Work was completed on Grand Haven in June and on Holland in April.

Some of the dredging projects will lead late into the calendar year, making it difficult to dredge because of adverse weather. The work will stop until next spring and continue when it is favorable to dredge.

For questions or more details, please contact the Detroit District Public Affairs Office at (313) 226-4680.