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Corps awards first project under Stimulus Package

DETROIT – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District, has awarded its first project funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, also known as the economic Stimulus Package.

The \$485,340 contract modification was awarded to The King Co., a small business in Holland, Mich., for maintenance dredging of about 50,000 cubic yards of shoaled material from St. Joseph Harbor in Michigan.

The St. Joseph Harbor stimulus funds are in addition to the nearly \$509,000 in 2009 Omnibus Bill funds that were used to dredge the southern Lake Michigan harbor this spring. At the time of the contract modification award, The King Co. was already dredging in the harbor and the dredging company was able to start the stimulus funded dredging immediately.

“This project kicks off a series of Recovery Act-funded projects that the Corps’ Detroit District will undertake to help contribute to the nation’s economic well-being and put Americans back to work,” Lt. Col. James Davis, Detroit District engineer, said.

The Detroit District received \$41 million in stimulus funding with \$7.8 million of that money going for 10 shallow draft and deep draft harbor dredging projects in Michigan and Wisconsin.

The Detroit District’s 18 stimulus projects are expected to generate approximately 385 direct jobs and approximately 835 indirect jobs within the Great Lakes region. The St. Joseph dredging project is estimated to generate seven direct and 14 indirect jobs.

Nationally, economists estimate that Corps Recovery Act projects will create or maintain approximately 57,400 direct construction industry jobs and an additional 64,000 indirect and induced jobs in firms supplying or supporting the construction and the businesses that sell goods and services to these workers and their families.