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President's budget provides \$59 million for Corps of Engineers Detroit District civil works projects

DETROIT – The President's fiscal year 2011 budget provides \$4.9 billion for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers civil works program (See links below) including \$59 million for the Detroit District's projects in and around the Great Lakes.

This includes funding for Operations and Maintenance, and General Investigations. The operations and maintenance program, which includes the maintenance of federal shipping channels on the Great Lakes, maintenance of federal structures on some 91 ports and harbors, and the operation and maintenance of the Soo locks, includes funding to be used across the district's jurisdiction in Indiana, Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin.

"We fully support the president's budget and are looking forward to working hard and fully executing this performance-based budget, focused on the planning, design and construction of projects that will provide very high economic and environmental return on investment," said Lt. Col. James Davis, district engineer, Detroit District. "We recognize that in this time of economic difficulty we are responsible for ensuring the maximum efficient use of the dollars provided for our projects and programs. We will continue to deliver great dividends to the region and to the nation. Our budget will allow us to fund highest-priority projects and will assist the Corps in supporting the President's priorities of improving the nation's infrastructure and revitalizing the economy."

Some of the largest Detroit budgeted projects:

St Marys River/Soo Locks, Mich.	Navigation/Hydropower	\$22 million
Detroit River, Mich.	Navigation	\$5.2 million
Duluth, Minn./Superior, Wis.	Navigation/recreation	\$7.2 million
Green Bay Harbor, Wis.	Navigation	\$2.69 million
Saginaw, Mich.	Navigation	\$3.19 million

"Completing these projects will enable the Detroit District to continue to contribute to the nation's efforts to revitalize the economy, improve the nation's infrastructure, and to effectively protect and sustain the environment," said Davis.

More information: Detroit District Website – www.lre.usace.army.mil
Corps of Engineers, HQ Website – www.usace.army.mil
White House Website – www.whitehouse.gov

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