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## **Army Corps of Engineers awards contract to Michigan firm for St. Joseph Harbor dredging**

**DETROIT** – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District, has awarded a contract worth \$794,800 to a Michigan company that will dredge the St. Joseph Harbor in southwest Michigan. Funding comes from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), also known as the economic stimulus package.

Ryba Marine Construction Co. of Cheboygan will dredge 52,000 cubic yards of shoaled material from St. Joseph inner harbor. The dredged materials will be transferred to water-tight containers and transported via truck to a placement area at the Southwest Michigan Regional Airport in Benton Harbor. Work is slated to begin March 15, depending on weather conditions.

This marks the second time ARRA funds were used for dredging in the harbor. In fiscal year 2009, ARRA funded the \$573,000 cost to remove about 60,000 cubic yards of material from St. Joseph outer Harbor.

“This project is vitally important to the economic and environmental well being of southwest Michigan,” said Lt. Col. James Davis, Detroit District engineer. “It is a wise and effective use of taxpayers’ money.”

The Detroit District received \$42 million in stimulus funding with nearly \$12.5 million of that money going for 12 shallow draft and deep draft harbor dredging projects in Michigan and Wisconsin.

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