



### Commander's note

As we begin a brand new year, I can't help but look back for a moment on all that we accomplished in 2009. The list is long and varied and many of you, as stakeholders, should be proud of your contribution to the successes of this organization, which includes:

- The construction of 7 miles of levees in less than 5 months in Terrebonne Parish
- The contract award for a permanent pipeline to carry dredged material in Cameron and Calcasieu parishes
- Mississippi River Gulf Outlet permanently closed
- More than \$250 million in contracts under the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
- Construction started on the Western tie-in project, the West Closure Complex (including one of the largest pump stations of its kind in the world), all five Jefferson Parish Lake-

- front levee reaches and breakwaters
- The partnership agreement with the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority that will pave the way for construction of \$1.3 billion of SELA features in Orleans and Jefferson parishes.
- Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration final technical report was submitted to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works for review before its submission to Congress.

The District's internal and external team of teams has done a great job in accomplishing all this and more, but you probably realize that we are far too busy to spend much time reflecting on the past. Now is the time to concentrate on the future and renew our efforts to achieve our goals for 2010 and beyond.

Happy New Year,  
Colonel Al Lee



### Update: GIWW WCC

*Construction of the GIWW West Closure Complex is approximately 10 percent complete. Work continues on the pump station foundation, sector gate cofferdam, levee, water control structure and 404c floodwall.*

# 400 attend Corps industry day

To continue to get highly qualified bidders actually bidding on Corps projects, we held a Louisiana industry day Jan. 13 at the New Orleans Marriott at Lakeway in Metairie.

Businesses made face-to-face contact with Corps project managers and contracting officers, networking opportunities with large and small businesses and assess the bidding environment.

The focus for this industry day was for Louisiana businesses and the morning session was geared toward that, with 204 business men and women in attendance.

We added an identical afternoon session because of the overwhelming interest from companies outside of Louisiana and 196 business men and women attended that session.

Each session kicked off with welcoming remarks from Senator David Heitmeier and Team New Orleans leadership, and ended with a networking opportunity for businesses to mingle amongst themselves.

The following is a brief recap on contracts pending for Team New Orleans:

#### Normal civil works projects:

Month of anticipated solicitation	# of contracts
Jan.	9
Feb.	7
March	14
Apr.	3

#### PRO (GNHSDRRS):

Jan.	6
Feb.	4
March	9
Apr.	11

#### HPO (GNHSDRRS):

Jan.	7
Feb.	16
March	6
Apr.	16

#### ARRA (stimulus projects):

Jan.	4 + 6 A/E
Feb.	0
March	3 + 1 A/E
Apr.	1 + 1 A/E

As a matter of perspective, in 2004, 35 construction contracts were awarded, valued at \$125 million. The program size was \$525 million for the entire New Orleans District.

#### For the GNHSDRRS as of 19 Jan 2010:

Total # of contracts:	353
Actual contracts awarded to date:	230
Complete:	154
Under construction:	76
Remaining awards:	123 (\$3.6 billion)



## Working together for coastal protection and ecosystem restoration

The Louisiana Coastal Area (LCA) goal is to focus on critical, near-term, coast-wide coastal features and actions needed to address the current trend of coast-wide resource degradations.

The January 2005 Chief of Engineer's Report laid out a suite of recommended component projects and programs. The projects entail marsh creations, several Mississippi River diversions, Gulf shoreline protection or combinations thereof. The program elements include science and technology support, beneficial use of dredged material, and investigation of modifications to existing projects. Enactment of The Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2007, Title VII, set the cost (studies and construction) at \$1.966 billion and identified the reporting requirements for moving the projects and program forward.

Enactment of WRDA also triggered required cost share agreements between the Corps of Engineers and the state of Louisiana that were necessary to begin studying several of the features. Cost-share agreements with the state are legal requirements for the WRDA-required studies, designs and construction for the specific restoration projects and programs to move forward.

Using available funds, 12 project studies are underway with others scheduled to start in 2010. The 15 project studies will result in reports to be used to request appropriated project construction funds. Two individual re-

ports and one set of six reports will be completed in 2010. Construction of the first set of projects to use dredged material beneficially is scheduled to start in 2011.

