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## **Corps awards design contract for new N.O. lock**

NEW ORLEANS – URS Group Inc., leading a 10-member team, won a contract for the initial design work on a new navigation lock on the Industrial Canal in New Orleans, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said Monday. The contract was negotiated and has a ceiling of \$7.5 million.

The contract will run for three years with options for two additional three-year periods. Maximum value over nine years could be as much as \$20 million.

The design work involves the lock itself, the foundations and the guide walls. The new lock will measure 1,200 by 110 feet, to replace a smaller lock opened to marine traffic in 1921. The replacement project is estimated to cost \$635 million, including the design and a \$38 million community mitigation program.

The URS Group, which has an office in Metairie, La., is a unit of URS Corp., a worldwide engineering company based in San Francisco.

The URS Group's team includes:

Brown, Cunningham & Gannuch Inc., Metairie, La.; Sverdrup Civil Inc., Maryland Heights, Mo.; Eustis Engineering Co., Metairie, La.; INCA Engineers Inc., Bellevue, Wash.; Ben C. Gerwick Inc., San Francisco; The Glostén Associates Inc., Seattle, Wash.; IMC Consulting Engineers Inc., Metairie, La.; Intel Services Inc., Metairie and Dufrene Surveying Inc., Harvey, La..

Three contracts were awarded earlier for the new lock. Pile testing is complete. Completion is expected in August 2002 for demolition of the Galvez Street Wharf and in March 2003 for demolition and environmental clean up of the East Bank Industrial Area.

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