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Southeast Louisiana Urban Flood Control Project

Jefferson, Orleans & St. Tammany Parishes, LA

PROJECT AUTHORITY: The project was authorized by the Fiscal 1996 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act (Sec 108), and the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 (Sec 533).

PROJECT SPONSORS: Jefferson Parish Government is cost-sharing the work in their parish, and the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans is cost-sharing the work in Orleans Parish. There will be several individual sponsors for the St. Tammany work, as the work impacts, and benefits, numerous communities.

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed work is located on the east bank of the Mississippi River in Orleans Parish, and on the east and west banks of the river in Jefferson Parish. St. Tammany Parish work is located in and around the communities of Slidell, Mandeville, Covington, Madisonville, Abita Springs and Lacombe.

PROJECT PURPOSE: The channel and pumping station improvements in Orleans and Jefferson Parishes support the parishes' master drainage plans and, generally, provide flood protection on a level associated with a ten-year rainfall event, while also reducing damages for larger events. St. Tammany Parish plans will provide flood protection for various rainfall events, but also mostly focus on ten-year events.

PROJECT FEATURES: In Orleans Parish, plans are to improve five major drainage lines, add pumping capacity to two pump stations, and add a new pump station. In Jefferson Parish, plans include improvements to about twenty-four drainage canals, additional pumping capacity for four pump stations, and the addition of two new pump stations. Improvements in St. Tammany Parish include channel enlargements, retention ponds, levees, and elevation of structures.

| PROJECT COSTS: | Total Project | Jefferson | Orleans | St. Tammany |
|------------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Total Project Cost | \$705,000,000 | 413,000,000 | 219,000,000 | 73,000,000 |
| Total Federal Cost | \$525,000,000 | 310,000,000 | 164,000,000 | 51,000,000 |
| Total Non-Federal Cost | \$180,000,000 | 103,000,000 | 55,000,000 | 22,000,000 |

PROJECT STATUS: In Jefferson Parish, thirty-two contracts have been awarded to date, twenty-six contracts have been completed, six are underway, and fifteen remain to be awarded. In Orleans Parish, nine contracts have been awarded, two are complete, seven are underway, and one remains to be awarded. Most of the remaining contracts are scheduled for award this fiscal year (2003). Overall, the currently scheduled work in Orleans and Jefferson Parishes is about 65% complete and is scheduled to be finished in 2005, if funding can keep pace. Most of the St. Tammany work is still unscheduled because plan reformulation was stymied on several plans. However, reformulation of the Slidell Plan is nearing completion. Initiation of construction in Slidell will not likely occur before FY 2004, and the construction schedule will also be dictated by funding levels.

ADDITIONAL WORK: Eight additional plans are currently under study in Orleans and Jefferson Parishes. In Jefferson Parish, the East of Harvey Canal Basin Plan would bring additional improvements to the west bank area, east of Harvey Canal, at an estimated cost of about \$41 million; the East Bank Basin (Pump to the River) Plan would bring improvements to the Harahan-River Ridge area on the east bank, at an estimated cost of about \$51 million; the Hoey's Basin Plan, estimated at \$20 million, would bring improvements to the Hoey's Canal area on the east bank; and the West of Segnette Plan, estimated at \$20 million, would bring improvements to the Avondale area on the west bank. In Orleans Parish the Uptown Plan, estimated at \$118 million, would add to improvements currently underway in the Uptown area of the City; the Peoples Ave. Plan, estimated at \$60 million, is a larger plan than was originally approved for the Peoples Ave. area of the city; the Outfall Canal Plan, estimated at \$52 million, will bring improvement to the Orleans Ave. area; and the Algiers Plan, estimated to cost \$76 million, would bring improvements to the west bank Algiers area of the city.

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