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USACE to dredge Cedar Bayou and Anahuac Channel in Chambers County, Texas

GALVESTON, Texas (Jan. 4, 2011) — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District, is scheduled to begin pipeline dredging at Cedar Bayou and Anahuac Channel in Chambers County, Texas, March 10. A \$4,743,000 contract was awarded to Port Lavaca-based RLB Contracting Inc. with work currently underway building placement area levees in preparation for this routine maintenance dredging project which is scheduled to be completed by September 2011.

“The Corps plays a key role in America’s well-being by keeping our waterways open for navigation,” said Paula Wise, a project operations manager with the Galveston District, USACE. “We will dredge a depth of 10 feet in Cedar Bayou and six feet in the Anahuac Channel.”

According to George (Pudge) Willcox, Chambers-Liberty Counties Navigation District, dredging Cedar Bayou will allow the continued transport of industrial material to and from the various businesses located on the bayou, ultimately reducing costs by decreasing the number of barges and trips needed to transport materials, as well as provide jobs and revenue to the local community.

“Anahuac Channel will benefit from the routine dredging by offering barge access into the Trinity River Channel which will allow access to the Wallisville Saltwater Barrier and beyond to the Chambers-Liberty County line,” said Willcox.

The Anahuac Channel is the home port for the Texas Waterborne Education Center which uses a 45-foot vessel to provide educational field trips within the Trinity River delta and Trinity-Galveston Bay complex. Currently, none of these vessels are able to navigate the channel due to shoaling and restricted depths, according to Willcox.

“In 2009, a Texas Parks and Wildlife Service rescue vessel was grounded within the channel, which hinders their ability to utilize this larger vessel,” said Willcox. “Dredging the Anahuac Channel will eliminate all of these concerns.”

The Corps will dredge approximately 280,000 cubic yards from Cedar Bayou, which was last dredged in 2002. Approximately 500,000 cubic yards of material will be dredged from the Anahuac Channel, which was last dredged in 2001.

The maintenance dredge material for Cedar Bayou will be placed in upland placement areas. The material for the Anahuac Channel will be in an unconfined water placement area adjacent to the channel.

Supplemental and Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies funds will be used to restore the channels to authorized pre-Hurricane Ike depths. Additional funds for the Anahuac Channel will be used.

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