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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers releases listing of Recovery Act-funded Civil Works projects

Nashville District to receive \$166 million for projects in the region

NASHVILLE, TENN. (April 28, 2009) – The US Army Corps of Engineers today released a listing of Civil Works projects to be funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. Of the \$4.6 billion appropriated to USACE for its Civil Works program, \$166 million has been identified for the Nashville District.

The Nashville District received \$105.5 million for Construction General Programs such as the Wolf Creek Seepage Rehabilitation project in Russell County, Ky., the Chickamauga Lock replacement in Chattanooga, Tenn., the Kentucky Lock replacement in Grand Rivers, Ky., and the Metro Center Levee project in Metro-Nashville.

\$60.6 million has been appropriated for Operations and Maintenance Projects in the Nashville District. Funds will be utilized for a variety of contracts to reduce a backlog of infrastructure maintenance, including several projects on the Tennessee River navigation system. All of these projects meet the criteria of the legislation, and hold high emphasis on rapid completion.

The funding provides the Nashville District with high priority economic opportunities to help support the region and the nation in some of its critical projects. "The ARRA provides critical funding for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to continue to contribute to the nation's economic well-being and aid in getting Americans back to work," said Lt. Col. Bernard Lindstrom, Commander of the Nashville District. "At the same time, these projects will meet the region's water resource and infrastructure needs."

The Nashville District will execute funding and requirements in the ARRA of 2009 in accordance with the timelines set forth by Congress and the administration to support the District's ongoing mission areas. Many of the contracts will be completed within one year. Additionally, the Nashville District is committed to transparent communication of ARRA spending and project updates, and plans to feature ARRA stories on the District's website throughout the year.

Economists estimate that nationwide, the Corps' Recovery Act projects will create or maintain approximately 57,400 direct construction industry jobs and an additional 64,000 indirect and induced jobs in firms supplying or supporting the construction and the businesses that sell goods and services to these workers and their families.

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The projects selected represent a set of productive investments that will contribute to economic development and aquatic ecosystem restoration. The projects will achieve the purposes of the Recovery Act to commence expenditures quickly by investing in infrastructure that will provide long term economic and environmental benefits to the nation. Moreover, the projects are fully consistent with the President's direction to ensure that Recovery Act funds are spent responsibly and transparently.

The projects also meet the five criteria enumerated in the Congressional report accompanying the Recovery Act, namely that the projects:

- Be obligated/executed quickly;
- Result in high, immediate employment;
- Have little schedule risk;
- Be executed by contract or direct hire of temporary labor; and
- Complete a project phase, a project, an element, or will provide a useful service that does not require additional funding.

Recovery Act funds will be used to complete increments of work on previously started projects and in some cases to complete such projects.

The projects released today are distributed very broadly across the United States. The distribution of selected projects spreads the employment and other economic benefits across the nation.

The lists of projects released today and additional information on the Corps' role in the Recovery Act are available on the Web at www.usace.army.mil/recovery. Local coverage of ARRA projects and funding can be found at the Nashville District website at www.lrn.usace.army.mil.