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Debris Removal Contracts Awarded for Hurricane Recovery Efforts

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In support of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Army Corps of Engineers today awarded four fixed-priced contracts for debris removal in the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina. Each of these contracts has a value of up to \$500 million each, with the option of an additional \$500 million.

Debris removal competitive contracts have been awarded to the following companies:

Ashbritt, Inc. of Pompano Beach, Fla.; Environmental Chemical Corporation of Burlingame, Calif.; Ceres Environmental Services, Inc. of Brooklyn Park, Minn.; and Phillips and Jordan Inc. of Zephyrhills, Fla.

The contract work areas include the following locations: Ashbritt, Inc. for the state of Mississippi, and the remaining three contractors will cover work in the state of Louisiana.

The terms of all four contracts require the contractors to give a preference to those organizations, firms or individuals residing or doing business primarily in the area affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Each contract requires the contractor to submit a sub-contracting plan with the goal of including the following participation: 73.5 percent for Small business, 3 percent for Service-disabled veterans, 3.2 percent for Small HUB-Zone concerns, 10.6 percent for Small Disadvantaged business, and 11 percent for Small Women-owned business.

Contracting awards were given based on the following criteria: past performance, technical capability, ability to provide sub-contracting goals for small and disadvantaged businesses, ability to respond, and price.

The work under these contracts will cover debris removal, debris disposal, demolition, and other recovery related work.

The Corps issued an open announcement for these contracts through the Army Corps of Engineers, Memphis District website. The Corps shortened the time available to respond to the announcement in light of the urgent need for debris removal services; however, despite the shortened time period, the Corps received 22 proposals.

The Army Corps of Engineers, in support of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, provides

disaster response assistance to the nation, working in concert with 30 federal departments, as well as, state and local governments.

For more information on the Army Corps of Engineers' response to Hurricane Katrina, please visit our web site at www.usace.army.mil.