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Corps awards contract for KVK deepening

As part of what is considered to be the biggest dredging project ever undertaken in New York Harbor, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New York District today announced the award of the fifth contract for work to deepen the Kill van Kull and Newark Bay channels.

A total of nine contracts will be awarded for the complete project, expected to cost \$733 million and be completed by 2004.

The cost-shared project with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey will deepen the federal channels to 45 feet from their current depth of 40 feet. This contract, awarded Aug. 21, calls for dredging from just east of the Bayonne Bridge to Constable Hook. At 12,000 feet, it is the longest section of the project to deepen 14 miles of shipping channels. This part of the project is not expected to require blasting to remove rock.

The work for this section of the project will be completed by Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Co. of Oak Brook, Ill. The cost for this contract is \$30.8 million. For this contract, construction should be completed by April of 2004.

It is estimated that for this contract 1,361,000 cubic yards of non-rock material will be dredged and placed at the Historic Area Remediation Site several miles east of Sandy Hook, N.J.

The Army Corps of Engineers is paying 75 percent of the project's total cost and the Port Authority is paying the balance. For this contract, the Corps is paying \$22 million and the Port Authority the remaining \$8.8 million.

Work is already completed on the first two contracts of the total deepening project. Those two contracts totaled \$37.46 million. Work continues under the third contract, a \$22.5 million contract that involves blasting of rock to deepen the channel near Staten Island in the area of the Bayonne Bridge. Work also is underway on the fourth contract, a \$27.8 million contract to deepen the Port Elizabeth Channel.