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New York District

Port Jersey Channel Jersey City & Bayonne, New Jersey Navigation Project

FACT SHEET

DESCRIPTION: The project provides for deepening and widening the existing 35 to 38 foot mean low water (MLW) non-Federal channel to 41 feet MLW approximately 10,000 feet from its confluence with the main Anchorage Channel. It also includes a 41-foot MLW turning basin at the head of navigation, and bulkheading portions of the southern and northern boundaries of the turning basin to insure bank stability. Construction of the channel will create approximately 2.6 million cubic yards of dredged material, all of which is expected to be used beneficially, either at an approved and permitted upland remediation site, or as remediation material at the Historic Area Remediation Site (HARS).

The channel currently serves a single user/owner, Global Marine Terminal, with a reasonable expectation that a second user/owner will benefit from the project by the end of the project's construction. Should this not occur, the primary non-federal project sponsor, the State of New Jersey, is required to repay the federal government for costs resulting from the single user/owner condition. The benefit to cost ratio of the project is 4.7 to 1, which are for transportation cost savings associated with general cargo delivered to and from the Global Marine Terminal.

AUTHORIZATION: The project was conditionally authorized for construction by Section 202 (b) of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1986, under New York Harbor and Adjacent Channels, New York and New Jersey, and amended in Section 337 of WRDA of 1999.

STATUS: The Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) with the two project sponsors, the State of New Jersey (primary) and the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey (limited) was executed on July 23, 2002. Construction of the first contract was initiated in January 2003 and completed in May 2004. The second construction contract was awarded in February 2004 and completed in November 2005. Plans and Specifications for the third construction contract to complete the 41-foot channel project as well as advance construction of most of the 50-foot Port Jersey channel have been prepared and the contracting process is underway. Contract 3 is scheduled to be awarded in the beginning of 2007 and is expected to require approximately two years to complete. The fourth and final Port Jersey Deepening contract will deepen the remainder of the channel to 50-foot in the area overriding the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioners effluent tunnel and will be advertised and constructed concurrently with the Port Jersey 3 contract.

PROJECT COST:	(October 2001 price levels)
Estimated Federal (Corps) Cost	\$ 88,777,000
Estimated Non-Federal Costs	\$ 30,424,000
Cash	\$ 29,592,000
100% non-Federal Costs (i.e, bulkheading)	\$ 832,000
TOTAL	\$ 119,201,000

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