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Corps of Engineers prepares for Hurricane Rita with Advanced Contracting Initiatives

Fort Worth, Texas – In support of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is preparing for the potential impacts of Hurricane Rita, by pre-positioning personnel and equipment. The Corps is continuing to closely monitor the path of the upcoming storm.

The Corps has changed the way it contracts for Ice, Water, Debris Removal/Reduction, Temporary Power, and Temporary Roofing to support a natural or man-made disaster. Previously, contracts were awarded after an emergency or disaster occurred, delaying response time to emergencies/disasters.

Pre-disaster competitively awarded contracts, commonly referred to as “Advanced Contracting Initiatives” or “ACI” contracts, were developed and put in place by the Corps of Engineers, Readiness Support Center, in conjunction with assigned lead Corps Divisions and Districts. They include Requirement Contracts for Ice and Water and Requirement Contracts with Indefinite Delivery – Indefinite Quantity options for Debris Removal/ Reduction, Temporary Power and Temporary Roofing. These competitively awarded contracts will be in effect until November 2007, with the exception of the Ice contract which will expire in November 2005.

With ACI contracts in place, IAP Worldwide Services is prepared to deliver ice and temporary power, D & J Enterprises has the debris removal mission and Lipsey Mountain Spring Water Co. has the water delivery mission.

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Contractors interested in temporary power or the ice delivery mission should contact IAP Worldwide located in Irmo, S.C. at (803) 798-1611, or visit www.iapwws.com.

Contractors wanting to help with the water delivery mission should contact Lipsey Mountain Spring Water in Norcross Ga., at (770) 449-0001.

Contractors interested in working with the debris removal contractor for Hurricane Rita, should contact D & J Enterprises, Inc. from Auburn, Ala., at (334) 821-8205, or visit <http://www.dandjenterprises.net/>.

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. The priority of the Corps is to support efforts to save lives and find people, sustain lives, and help set conditions for recovery.

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Additional information may be obtained by visiting www.swf.usace.army.mil.