

National Dredging Contract Process PDT

National Dredging Meeting

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Background

- Dredging goals:
 - Maximize funds spent on moving material
 - Optimize use of dredging equipment
 - Optimize Contracting process development – time and cost
- Initial Dredging Contract Process conf call on 21 Apr



21 Apr Conf Call

- Review Lessons Learned from FY09-10 dredging program
- Identify dredging contract issues to be addressed, improved and shared
- Present and get feedback on a proposed dredge contracting overview for executives
- Solicit PDT members to develop these products



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Dredging Status

- One of our biggest dredging years ever!
 - FY10 Appropriation passed in Oct
 - 2008 Hurricane Supplemental
 - 2009 ARRA
 - Extraordinary Mississippi River, South West Pass dredging
- Well executed!



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Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund

- FY09-10 was viewed as a dress rehearsal for having access to the full HMTF revenues
- We (Corps and Contractors) successfully executed this program
- HMTF legislation before Congress
 - Appropriate full HMTF revenues for Coastal Navigation O&M
 - From \$750M annual Approp to \$1.5B
- Explore Lessons Learned to prepare



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After Action Review

- Lessons Learned:
- What did we do right?
- What should we do differently?
- What should we start doing?
- What should we stop doing?



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What did we do right?

- For Hurricane Supplemental Monies we had contracts in place and ready to go. No delays waiting for plans and specs. These were SATOCs
- Good work between the Districts sharing dredges
- How well did we do with ARRA – In SPD couldn't be more proud of their accomplishments contractually
- Sheryl echoes Jim Bartha's kudo's on being able to accomplish dredging with additional ARRA funds
- Ready reserve has worked out with the Wheeler and McFarland – especially wants to recognize the crews and their “get it done attitude”
- Giving the flexibility to the dredgers to manage and move their equipment around.
- Attracted the Stuyvesant back to the US



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What should we do differently?

- Sometimes we put out to many individual contracts that causes us to bid against each other for work which has an impact due to limited dredging resources.
- With certain permitting issues and WQC sometimes it is hard for a regional MATOC
- With environmental issues we have SPD and NWD agree with Scott's MATOC comments
- Gulf Coast Region – the 3 Gulf Coast Districts have attempted to limit the competition amongst the 3 but sometimes sponsors are very competitive but they are trying to figure out a way to help limit this problem without a negative impact to the navigations program
- Need to keep DIS updated



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What should we start doing?

- We need to move forward with our channel performance measures and seek a more balanced approach of what we are maintaining and what we should maintain. Not sure if everyone is aware of where we are on this even though Jim has started sharing this information.
- Believe it is an expectation that with ARRA we should see more channel availability. We do need to highlight this as a performance measure
- Need to start maintaining all the areas we have not maintained in the past years particularly if the we receive the HMTF – basically any work that requires a dredge smaller than 20” - - - - - we don't do any more in Mobile
- Full HMTF will increase opportunities for Small Businesses dredging contractors on the small channels



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What should we start doing?

- Need to look at inventory for all navigation projects and make a determination as to what we should actively seek to maintain versus what we should not – could depend on disposal sites, active sponsors, etc
- Need to start putting emphasis on disposal areas – either cleaning them out or building new ones or we aren't going to have the capacity to handle additional work. (Mobile identified but this has been a heavy discussion in Jacksonville also)
- Would development of DMMP be reimburseable? Perform an analysis and then follow up with a more in depth Engineering analysis
- Communicate the policy regarding cost sharing requirements (or full Federal) regarding diked disposal site management, minor diking and major dike raising (MVN)



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What should we stop doing?

- If we don't get HMTF we need to stop doing project improvements because we can't do what we have (Mobile)
- Or may be we need to do some improvements and sacrifice some maintenance projects



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Shaping the future of dredging

- What will change when our Coastal O&M program doubles?
 - Better maintained channels
 - More maintained channels
 - Beneficial Use opportunities
 - Need to plan for the transition, disposal sites, etc
- What do we expect from the next generation of dredging equipment?
- Develop this info to drive contractor decisions on capital investments for new dredging equipment



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What about dredging contract formats?

- Better, faster, cheaper
- Capabilities for P&S preparation
- MATOC demonstration
- Incentive clauses?



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Navigation

- Dylan Davis, SAD
- Joe Hrametz, SWG
- Renee Scholl, MVN
- Karen Garmire, NWP
- Others? LRD, NAD, SPD, POD



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National Dredging Team PDT

Contracting

- Cindi Tolle, SAJ
- Scott Helmer, NAN
- Sheila Enclade, MVN
- Ralph Banse-Fay, NWP
- Curtis Cole, SWG



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SAD Regional Dredging PDT

- Dylan Davis leading
- Navigation and Contracting reps
- Other organization reps added to teams as needed



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NDCP PDT Potential Topics

- National policy on dredging contract bid results release
- Joint OP/CT memo on pre-solicitation and pre-bid communication
- Develop Dredging Contracts for Executives Training
- Other topics to be developed in today's discussions



Dredging Contractors

- Corps/DCA Partnering at HQ
- Will seek their ideas on NDCT topics
- Will participate in some meetings
- Focus is on providing info to get the best price
 - Minimize contingencies



Next Steps

- SAD Regional Team Overview
- Brainstorm NDCT topics
- Schedule next meeting



Conclusion

Remember the Goals

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