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USIBWC AWARDS CONTRACT
FUNDED BY THE RECOVERY ACT


The contract was awarded to Longhorn Excavators, Inc. of Richmond, Texas to construct levee improvements along a 43-mile reach of the Main Floodway in Hidalgo County, Texas. In accordance with the contract, Longhorn Excavators will furnish all labor, materials, and equipment for levee construction. The USIBWC is raising levee height to bring the levee into compliance with standards established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the 100-year flood. The project will provide enhanced flood protection for the communities of McAllen, Hidalgo, Pharr, San Juan, Alamo, Donna, and Weslaco. Construction is expected to be completed by September 2010.

This is the second Recovery Act construction contract awarded for levees in the Lower Rio Grande Flood Control Project. In July, the USIBWC awarded a contract in the amount of $950,997 to Inuit Services, Inc. of Anchorage, Alaska for work along 3 miles of the Banker
Floodway North Levee in Hidalgo County, Texas between Granjeno and 23rd Street. The contract was awarded in accordance with a federal program targeting qualified small businesses located in distressed areas. Construction is scheduled to be completed in February 2010.

The Recovery Act funding enables the USIBWC to accelerate work on its aging Rio Grande flood control system in Texas and New Mexico to provide adequate flood protection for over three million U.S. residents. The purpose of the Recovery Act is to create and save jobs, jumpstart the economy, and build the foundation for long-term economic growth. The Act includes measures to modernize the nation’s infrastructure, enhance America’s energy independence, expand educational opportunities, increase access to health care, provide tax relief, and protect those in greatest need.


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