

Environmental Planning for USACE

Woods Hole Group has been awarded a contract by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) New England District to provide environmental planning and consulting services for various projects located throughout the 14 northeastern states from Maine to Virginia and the nation's capital. The contract can extend for up to five years, with an estimated budget of USD15 million.

"The USACE contract represents a significant building block for Woods Hole Group and the organisation's strategic plan," said Bob Hamilton, Vice President for Business Development and Coastal Engineer at Woods Hole Group. "We are fortunate to secure a contract of this type in these economic times, as it will allow the company to utilise its strengths in the areas of environmental, coastal and oceanographic consulting services. The relationship between Woods Hole Group and the USACE will also present exciting opportunities to make a difference in our local environment while benefiting various public works projects."

The scope of work will cover the USACE's North Atlantic Division mission area, which includes the New England District, as well as USACE Districts in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Norfolk (VA, USA). The North Atlantic Division is one of eight Army Corps of Engineers regional business centres. As a regional business centre, the division designs, builds and maintains projects to support the military, develop and protect the nation's water resources, and restore, protect and enhance the environment.

The work will be diverse and include the following:

- Environmental impact reports/statements
- Dredging/dredge material management
- Multi-disciplinary environmental measurements and monitoring
- Oceanography
- Risk assessments
- Hazardous and toxic waste site monitoring and remediation planning
- Other specialised studies