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Alaska to Receive \$49 Million in Army Corp Projects ***Recovery Act funds 18 projects including Anchorage Port***

Communities across Alaska stand to benefit from \$49.7 million in Army Corps of Engineer projects funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The funding is part of \$4.6 billion appropriated to the Corps for its Civil Works program.

The funding for Alaska is broken down into three areas including \$31.7 million for Operations and Maintenance; \$16 million for Construction; and \$1.8 million for Investigations. The work conducted across the state will fund upgrades for Alaska's ports that will increase commercial viability in many areas. Included in this funding is \$23.4 million for dredging the Port of Anchorage.

"The Army Corps has a storied history in the state of Alaska," Sen. Mark Begich said. "Their work has helped countless Alaskan communities and they remain on the forefront of Alaska's ongoing battle with erosion. This funding is especially welcome as it will provide important upgrades to ports and other waterways which can only improve commercial activity in these areas."

Other major construction activity in the funding includes \$7 million for the first phase of a small boat harbor in Akutan and \$4.5 million for the completion of a project in the Seward Harbor. For a complete list, go to www.usace.army.mil/recovery/Pages/Projects.aspx.

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