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Media Advisory

Groundbreaking for \$49.1 Million Drainage Canal Project

The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers will conduct groundbreaking ceremony for Phase One of the Florida Avenue Drainage Canal project on Monday, April 12, 2010 at 10 a.m.

The event will be at held at Drainage Pumping Station #19, 4500 Florida Avenue, on the west side of the Industrial Canal.

This \$49.1million project is the first phase of a four-phase Southeast Louisiana Urban Flood Control Program (SELA) drainage improvement program. It consists of widening the canal from 25 feet to 42 feet and heightening the canal from 7 feet to 15 feet.

The area for this first phase of construction extends from DPS#19 to Mazant Street. Once completed, the Florida Avenue Canal will provide increased drainage capacity for residents and businesses in that area of the city.

The Corps' New Orleans District Office awarded the contract to B&K Construction on January 28, 2010. The project is 100% federally funded.