

# NATIONAL DREDGING MEETING HURRICANE SEASON 2006 14 June 2006



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# **Corps Navigation Mission**

Provide <u>safe</u>, <u>reliable</u>, <u>efficient</u>, <u>effective</u> and <u>environmentally</u> <u>sustainable</u> waterborne transportation systems for movement of commerce, national security needs, and recreation.





### **HURRICANE SEASON 2006**

- We are on Day 14 (TS Alberto is behind us!)
- Only 169 days left!



# HURRICANE SEASON 2005 LESSONS LEARNED

- Partnering with other Federal agencies and with stakeholders was critical to getting major waterways back in operation quickly
- Communication networks were severely impacted initially and caused major problems – develop plans to address
- Knowing the status and availability of each dredge in the area likely to be impacted by major hurricanes is critical!!
- Exercise! Exercise! (Practice makes perfect.)
- In the future, plan for the worst and we will be prepared.



### **ELEMENTS OF PARTNERING**

- Pre-event planning
  - Exchange POC contact info
  - COOP (Continuity of Operations) contact info if severely impacted –where, who, how to resume contact?
  - Establish an effective communication system
  - Determine the status of <u>all</u> dredges in the district/MSC/region
  - Have dredging contracts on-the-shelf (IDIQ? Other types?) ready to go
  - Know dredging windows for each port, harbor or waterway
  - Have established an agreed-upon inter-agency and stakeholder response protocol
- Post-event (ASAP) condition assessment and response action prioritization
  - Critical to draw on available resources of other agencies and stakeholders

     needed equipment, fuel supplies, assistance with channel surveys or
     Aids to Navigation placement
  - Work with other agencies and the nav industry to prioritize response
  - Communicate regularly during response and recovery
- Post-event recovery actions
  - Share Corps project status with USCG, nav industry, dredging organizations (?) and other stakeholders



<u>Dredging Underway</u>: GIWW (Apalachicola Area) - Inland; Tenn-Tom WW - Crosby; Mobile Bay - Hooks; Panama City Beach – Weeks; Gulfport Sound – Hooks; Biloxi, Ms – Hooks; Mississippi River – Manson; East Pass, FL – Hooks; Dauphin Island – Hooks. <u>Anticipated Dredging</u>: Panama City – Inland (Feb 06)





# A VERY WISE PHILOSOPHER HAS SAID (MANY TIMES):