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D'Annunzio & Sons, Inc., Awarded Contract for Phase III of Environmental Cleanup at The Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor

Bayonne, December 30, 2003 – The Bayonne Local Redevelopment Authority (BLRA) Board of Commissioners voted last week to award a contract to D'Annunzio & Sons, Inc., to complete Phase III of environmental remediation at the former Military Ocean Terminal (MOTBY).

Of the eight bidders, D'Annunzio & Sons, Inc., of 136 Central Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, submitted the lowest bid - \$1,237,000.

Phase III will involve the construction of “engineering controls” at various locations on The Peninsula. In order to construct the engineering controls, D'Annunzio & Sons must remove and dispose of asphalt, creosote preserved timber and railroad tracks in areas receiving engineering controls.

The engineering controls include the placement of an engineered soil cap consisting of certified clean structural fill and topsoil, and the placement of an engineered asphalt cap consisting of the placement of a bedding layer of QP or DGA, plus an asphalt binder course and an asphalt wearing course. D'Annunzio & Sons indicated in their bid that they could complete the job in approximately twelve weeks. It is anticipated that the project will begin early in 2004.

"This is another step in the cleanup process," said James Monkowski, Bayonne Environmental Specialist, who added that achieving the original goal of all fieldwork being completed by January 2005 is still feasible. Monkowski related that Phase II of the planned environmental remediation project had not yet begun.

"We had a slight delay on getting a permit from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) to begin remediation of the landfill area (Phase II), but we are ready to begin as soon as we receive the permit," he added.

According to Nancy A. Kist, Executive Director, BLRA, "By awarding Phase III now and being ready to go out to bid with Phase II as soon as our permit is received from NJDEP, we will, in all likelihood, have three phases of remediation occurring simultaneously during 2004."

The other phase of the remediation program currently under way is site-wide quarterly groundwater monitoring.

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“All phases of environmental cleanup have been designed to meet both federal standards as well as New Jersey ‘s state regulations,” Monkowski added, “which are among some of the most stringent in the country.”

In September 2001, after months of negotiations, the BLRA and the U.S. Army signed an Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement (ESCA). This ESCA was one of the first ever done by the Army with a local community. Under the terms of the ESCA the Army has provided \$11.6 million to fund the environmental remediation it was required to undertake pursuant to state and federal law.

The Bayonne Local Redevelopment Authority is responsible for the execution of the Army’s remediation plan. The BLRA entered into ESCA in an effort to closely coordinate required remediation with its redevelopment plan timetable.

Future plans for The Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor call for a vibrant mixed-use waterfront development plan comprised of residential, light industrial, commercial and office space. The site will also feature a marina with ferry service, access to public transportation, more than two miles of waterfront walkway and numerous recreational areas with parks and playgrounds.

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