New air quality contract

CH2M HILL received a 3-year contract for on-call air quality services, including air emission inventory, review of state and federal environmental documents, bay-wide health risk assessment, tracking and interpretation of regulations, measuring emission of mobile sources, greenhouse gas inventory and reduction strategies, and evaluating and implementing emerging emission reduction technologies.

The air quality services contract continues the proactive steps taken by the Port of Los Angeles to implement the San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan, signed in 2006 in conjunction with the Port of Long Beach. The plan outlines how the ports will continue to expand to support commercial growth, while reducing air emissions and health impacts to neighboring communities.

Since emission reduction strategies and technologies developed through this plan will be shared with local, state, and national agencies, the plan is being closely watched by ports worldwide. This win puts CH2M HILL front and center in developing a cutting-edge approach to reducing air emissions and related health effects as a result of port operations.

New environmental site assessment contract

Under a 3-year on-call environmental site assessment contract, CH2M HILL will assist the Port of Los Angeles to prevent, investigate, and remediate soil and groundwater contamination on port properties. Services will include environmental site assessments, soil and groundwater investigations, remedial investigations and feasibility studies, technical design, remediation, site closure reports, and environmental compliance assessments. During the last 10 years, CH2M HILL has completed 90 site assessment projects under similar contracts.

Renewal of environmental documentation contract

For the sixth consecutive year, CH2M HILL will assist the Port of Los Angeles with the China Shipping environmental impact report/environmental impact statement for a complex $100 million container terminal project near the communities of San Pedro and Wilmington.

"Most significant project in the world"

Earlier this year, the Panama Canal expansion project was recognized for its worldwide significance in terms of setting the standard for world-class infrastructure development and construction.

On March 6, the Autoridad del Canal de Panamá, or ACP (Panama Canal Authority) — CH2M HILL’s client for the Panama Canal expansion project—received the prestigious Samoter 2008 International Most Significant Project in the World award.

The award honors those that, through significant works and technologically advanced projects, contribute to the development of construction at both national and international levels.

“This award truly recognizes the importance and scope of the Panama Canal project,” said Mike Kennedy, Transportation Business Group president. “The ACP’s vision and leadership is inspiring, and we are proud to be part of this world-changing project. The ACP should be extremely pleased to receive this recognition.”

In April, at the sixth Latin American Leadership Forum held in Miami, Florida, the Panama Canal expansion project was also named the Long-term Performance Project of the Year, recognizing world-class Latin America infrastructure projects; and the Strategic Project of the Year, recognizing those projects that are changing the construction industry in Latin America.

Jose Barrios, deputy administrator and chief financial officer of the ACP, said, “I accept these prizes on behalf of the ACP’s 10,000 employees...and want to thank our partners from CH2M HILL, present here, as without them the success of this project will not be possible.”

Scheduled for completion in 2014, the Panama Canal expansion project is adding new, larger locks, which will allow longer and wider ships to pass through the canal. The new locks will double the tonnage capacity of the canal.