

## **Abandoned Vehicles and Vessel Status Report**

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The removal of vehicles and vessels from the public Right-of Way has essentially been completed. We have three aggregation sites. One in Cameron, one in Jefferson parish and the primary site on Almonaster Blvd. in Orleans Parish. To date approximately 10,000 vehicles and boats have been collected.

A new portion of the removal process started a couple of weeks ago with the announcement of the removal of vehicles and vessels from private property. Property owners and managers as well as public agencies can go to our website or the DRC [www.drcusa.com](http://www.drcusa.com) website and download a ROE form. The completed form is to be mailed, faxed or hand carried back to DRC. DRC will then schedule a pickup of the vehicle or vessel.

The disposal contract for all of the vehicles and vessels collected should be issued soon. We are awaiting word from FEMA that the PW has been approved. DRC was the low bidder and will be awarded that contract.

The DEQ also has an oversight contractor that has been working for us overseeing the vehicle and vessel contract work. That contract was awarded to PBS&J.

We expect the removal and dismantling of the MV "Chris and Shane" located in the Venetian Isle development in New Orleans East area to begin soon. Work at the site started last week. I visited the site yesterday and watched as crews were wiping the engine area cleaning up all oily debris before its planned removal probably next week or the following week.

We are ready to move to award the "threat vessels" contract, this includes the "boat ball" at the Empire Bridge. Resolve Marine was the low bidder at \$968,900.00. A Notice of Intent has been sent to Resolve Marine. We will schedule a post award conference and request a work plan once the contract has been signed. The FEMA PW amendment for this portion has been approved.

We have taken over approximately 50 of the larger boats from the USCG. Preparations are being made by DRC for the auction of the USCG salvaged vessels. Online dates: November 26, through December 2, 2006. Web Address: <http://www.oceanmarine.com> Ocean Marine will handle all of the calls regarding the auction, 985-448-0409. The payment process and all other information will be available on their site as well.

The RFB for the New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor is ready to go to State Purchasing. The paper copy of the slip rental database has been entered into an Access database file. Notification letters will be sent to everyone in the database. Approximately 95 boats were seen on a recent site visit to the Marina. We suspect that many of the afloat vessels have been abandoned by their owners.