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David Evans awarded \$3 million NOAA contract funded by American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

PORTLAND, Ore. – July 22, 2009. David Evans and Associates, Inc. (DEA) will perform multibeam hydrographic and side scan sonar surveying and mapping services throughout a 150 square nautical mile area in southern Chesapeake Bay.

The results of DEA's work will assist the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) by providing current hydrographic survey information that will help address the nation's critical survey backlog for nautical charting within navigationally significant areas. Survey data collected by DEA will be incorporated onto nautical charts, alerting mariners to obstructions to navigation.

DEA is operating under its third contract with NOAA. This and the preceding two contracts span a decade of service to the nation. Hydrographic surveys conducted for NOAA have located and identified downed airplanes, sunken wrecks, and previously uncharted obstructions to navigation throughout Chesapeake Bay, the Gulf of Mexico, and the Pacific Northwest. DEA also played a vital role in post-Hurricane Katrina mapping of marine debris that threatened maritime commerce in the Gulf States.

DEA Marine Services provides hydrographic and marine geophysical surveying, and oceanographic monitoring services to private industry, and to local, state and federal governments. Our clients include NOAA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, port authorities, utilities, and the A/E/C community. DEA has been providing marine and freshwater data acquisition services in coastal and inland waters throughout the United States for more than 20 years. Today, DEA is peer-recognized as one of the most qualified and respected hydrographic surveying companies in the United States. Founded and headquartered in Portland, Ore., DEA is a 32-year-old employee-owned corporation.

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