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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF
NATIONAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW AWARD
TO THE
SAN FRANCISCO BAY
DREDGED MATERIAL MANAGEMENT OFFICE**

The Dredge Material Management Office (DMMO) has been selected by the National Performance Review to receive Vice President Al Gore's Hammer award for reducing red tape and improving public service. The DMMO is a one stop permitting office established by five state and federal agencies, one of which is the California State Lands Commission, to streamline permitting for dredging projects in San Francisco Bay.

BACKGROUND

Staff of the California State Lands Commission (SLC) has been participating with other San Francisco Bay area regulatory agencies in a two-year pilot project to cooperatively process applications for permits/leases to dredge or dispose of dredged material in San Francisco Bay. This effort involved establishing a joint application process called the Dredge Material Management Office (DMMO) to increase efficiency and coordination between the member agencies. The member agencies along with the SLC include the San Francisco District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board and the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC). Also, the National Marine Fisheries Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Game provide their advice and expertise to the process.

The process does not change the existing authorities or jurisdictions of the member agencies. It focuses on the administration of existing mandates, jurisdictions and statutory and regulatory authorities. Applicants are able to fill out one application form which is used by all the DMMO agencies. The COE acts as the "host" agency and primary contact for applicants and the public, The combination of the single application and joint agency processing is designed to decrease the time it takes to process applications, to foster consistency, and to decrease redundancy between the agencies.

The Hammer Award is Vice Present Al Gore's special recognition to those who have made

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significant contributions in support of the President's National Performance Review principles. Those principles are:

- o Putting customers first
- o Cutting red tape
- o Empowering employees
- o Getting back to basics

The Hammer Award takes its name from the infamous hammer which cost the federal government \$600 to buy and came to represent governmental inefficiency and waste. In contrast, the hammers used in the Award cost \$6.00. The award recognizes new standards of excellence in reinventing government.