

### Contract Awarded for Levee Projects

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District, awarded a \$12.9 million contract for the construction of a 3-mile setback of Missouri River Levee Unit L-575 north from Highway 2 opposite of Nebraska City, this week.

The contract was awarded to Weston Solutions, Inc., and includes an option for a 3/4-mile setback levee south of the highway that will be awarded when necessary real estate actions have been completed by the levee sponsor.

The entire setback alignment will stretch from river mile 565 to river mil 561.5 on the Iowa side of the Missouri River in Fremont County. It will be offset from the original levee by up to several thousand feet.

This particular stretch of levee suffered excessive damage and seepage during the Flood of 2011.

Roughly some 500,000 cubic yards of material will be used in the construction of the new setback alignment. The entire project is scheduled to be completed this year.

In response to the Flood of 2011, the District Engineer for the Omaha District identified a need for a special execution cell or team to engage in time-sensitive rehabilitation of flood controls structures - including dams and levees - in the Missouri River Basin. The Omaha District Systems Restoration Team was established to focus the vast skills and abilities of the district to execute an estimated \$280 million in repairs on 18 levee repair projects and \$234 million on some 100 projects at the mainstems and related flood control structures along the Missouri River.