



WEDA GULF CHAPTER 2015 ANNUAL MEETING WELCOME REMARKS

By

Ram K. Mohan, P.E., Ph.D.

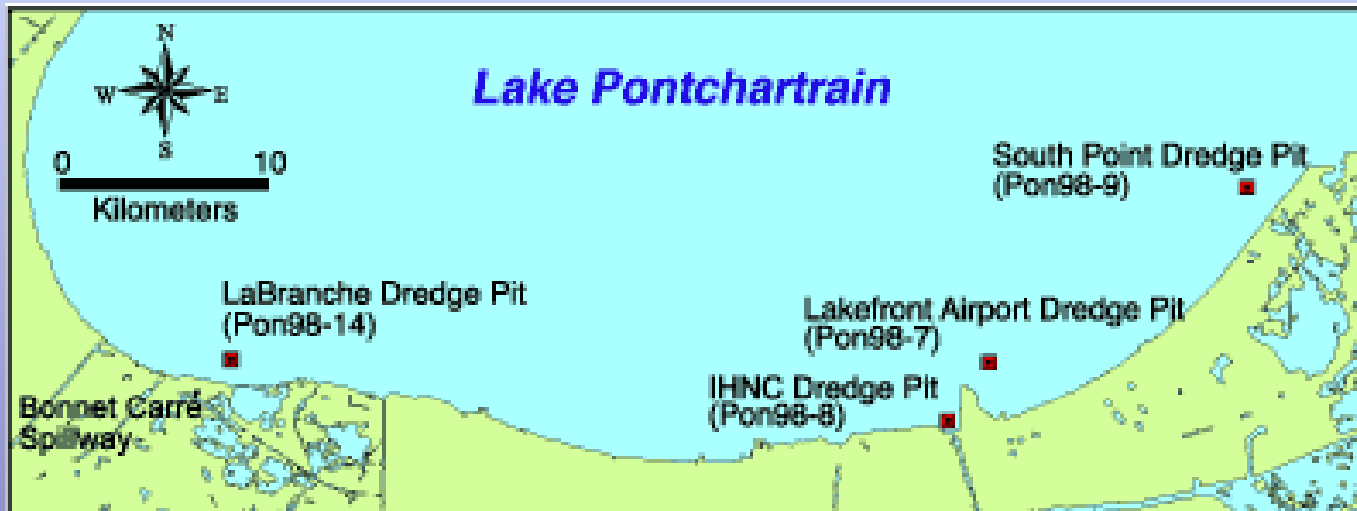
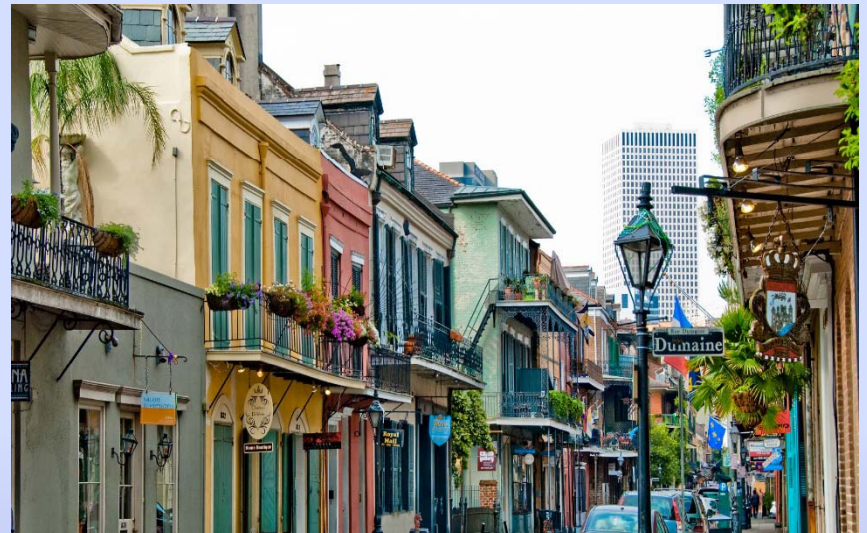
President, WEDA (Sr. Partner, Anchor QEA, LLC)

New Orleans, November 19, 2015

Dredging Creates a Strong Economy and a Cleaner Environment



WELCOME TO NEW ORLEANS!



Dredging Creates a Strong Economy and a Cleaner Environment



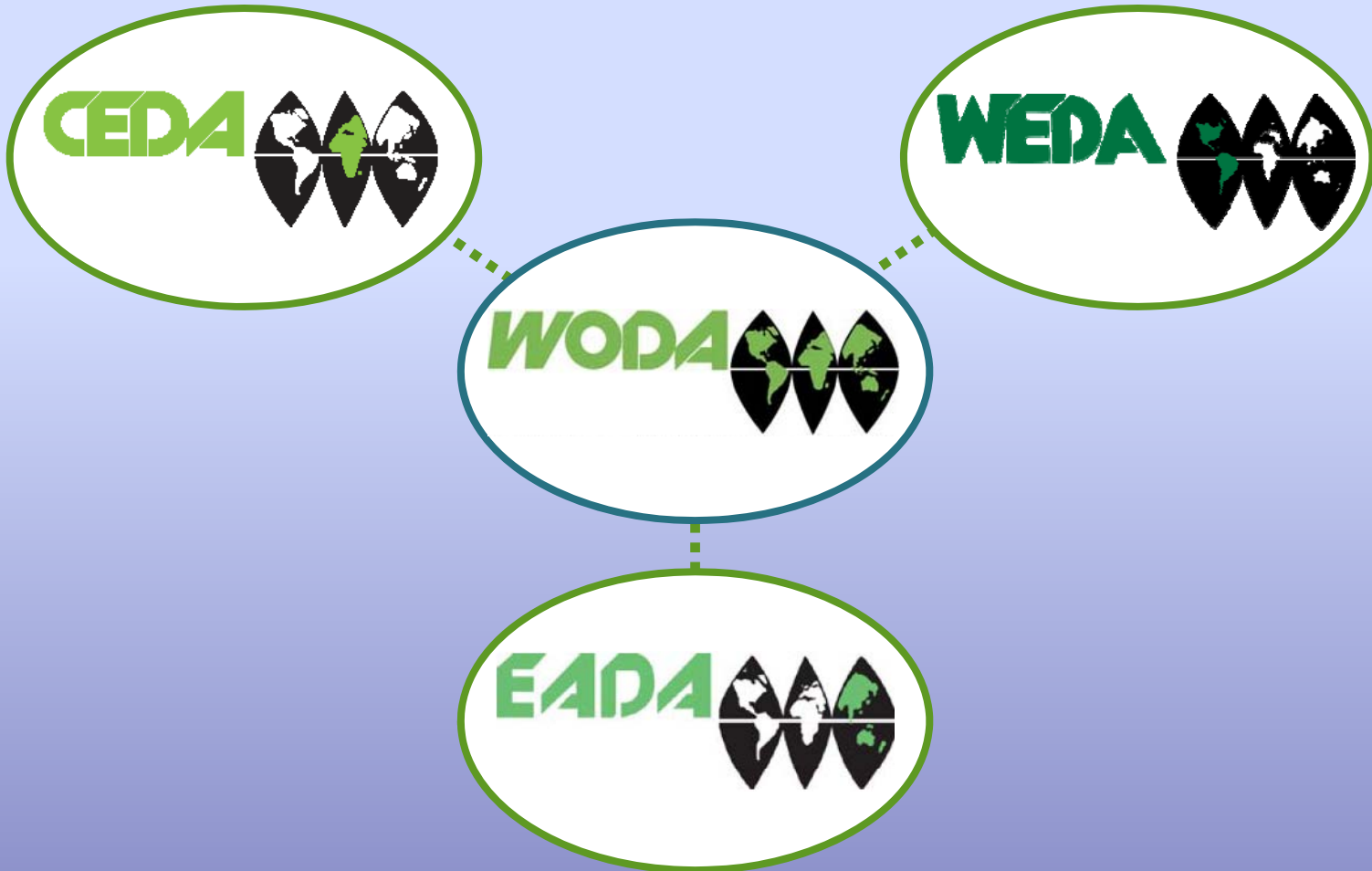
PORT OF NEW ORLEANS

- 8th busiest gateway for international trade, by value
 - Handles over \$50 Billion
- 2nd by tonnage!
 - Handles > 50 M tons
- ~ 400,000 TEU's
- Provides key access to mid-western states through the 15,000 mile inland waterway system
- Dredging is key to the Port!



Dredging Creates a Strong Economy and a Cleaner Environment

WORLD DREDGING ORGANIZATION



Dredging Creates a Strong Economy and a Cleaner Environment



GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- *Exchange knowledge* in fields related to dredging, navigation, marine engineering and construction
- *Improve communications, technology transfer, and cooperation* among associations, societies, and organizations
- Emphasize the importance of *understanding and development of solutions* for problems related to the protection and enhancement of the marine environment
- *Support educational institutions* for students interested in pursuing dredging and marine engineering as a career
- Promote membership in and furtherance of WEDA through *establishment and support of Chapters*
- *Recognize individuals and organizations* for outstanding engineering and operational achievement

Dredging Creates a Strong Economy and a Cleaner Environment



CURRENT INITIATIVES

- *Networking opportunities for members*
- *Business development assistance*
- *Improved communication with membership*
- *Annual conferences with renewed technical focus*
 - *Short courses, post-conference technical tours*
 - *Invited technical sessions on major projects*
- *Increased collaboration with USACE, OAS, NAMEPA, PIANC*
- *Focus on Central and South America*
- *Improvements on the website: www.westerndredging.org*



Mark your Calendars
JUNE 13-17, 2016

WODCON XXI

INNOVATIONS IN
DREDGING



HYATT REGENCY MIAMI



OUTSIDE EXHIBITORS HALL



LOBBY



Dredging Creates a Strong Economy and a Cleaner Environment



WORLD FAMOUS MIAMI BEACH

WODCON XXI

INNOVATIONS IN
DREDGING

JUNE 13-17, 2016



Dredging Creates a Strong Economy and a Cleaner Environment



WODCON XXI

INNOVATIONS IN
DREDGING

JUNE 13-17, 2016

PORT OF MIAMI



Dredging Creates a Strong Economy and a Cleaner Environment



BRING THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

WODCON XXI

INNOVATIONS IN
DREDGING

JUNE 13-17, 2016



Dredging Creates a Strong Economy and a Cleaner Environment



HAVE A WONDERFUL CONFERENCE!
DO NETWORK & MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

DO TELL US HOW WEDA IS DOING!

Dredging Creates a Strong Economy and a Cleaner Environment