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### Winners Announced of the 2014 WEDA Environmental Excellence Awards

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(June 25, 2014) WEDA's Chair of the Environmental Commission, Craig Vogt, announced the 2014 winners of the WEDA Environmental Excellence Awards at the organization's annual conference held at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, on June 17, 2014.

The WEDA Environmental Excellence Awards are given annually in two categories: (1) navigation dredging and (2) environmental dredging.

For navigation dredging:

The 2014 WEDA Environmental Excellence Award for Navigation Dredging was given to:

**Port of Kalama, TEMCO Berth Maintenance Dredging and In-water Flow-Lane Placement Project (Port of Kalama, Washington)**

Project Team Members:

Port of Kalama  
Coast & Harbor Engineering  
BergerABAM

The 2014 WEDA Silver Environmental Excellence Award for Navigation Dredging was given to:

**Stockton Deep Water Ship Channel Dredging and Antioch Dunes Restoration Project  
(Port of Stockton, California)**

Project Team Members:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers- Sacramento District  
Port of Stockton

For environmental dredging:

The 2014 WEDA Environmental Excellence Award for Environmental Dredging was given to:

**Environmental Dredging of the Sheboygan River, Wisconsin**

Project Team Members:

U.S. EPA Great Lakes Office  
Ryba Marine Construction Company  
Terra Contracting Services  
CH2M Hill  
TechLaw  
The Environmental Quality Company  
Global Environmental Engineering

The 2014 WEDA Environmental Excellence Silver Award for Environmental Dredging was given to:

**Hudson River PCBs Superfund Site**

Project Team Members:

U.S. EPA Region 2  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Kansas City District  
Ecology and Environment Inc  
Louis Berger Group Inc  
General Electric Company  
Parsons Corporation  
Cashman Dredging  
Chicago Bridge & Iron Company  
Arcadis  
Anchor QEA

President & Chairman of the Board of Directors, Ram Mohan, noted that “the overall quality of this year’s nominations was excellent, and these four projects were found to be outstanding in environmental benefits, innovation, economic benefits, and transferability.”

WEDA Vice President, Marcel Hermans, said, “I am totally impressed with the planning, engineering, and outreach to stakeholders that was incorporated into these projects, all of which led to achieving outstanding environmental benefits.”

For more information on the specific projects, see <https://www.westerndredging.org/index.php/environmental-commission/environmental-excellence-awards>, or contact Lawrence Patella, WEDA’s Executive Director Emeritus or Craig Vogt, Chair of the WEDA Environmental Commission, which sponsored the awards.

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WEDA is a member of The World Organization of Dredging Associations. (**WODA**) The **Western Dredging Association (WEDA)** region covers North, Central and South America. The **Central Dredging Association (CEDA)** covers most of Europe, Africa, and the Mid and Near East. The **Eastern Dredging Association (EADA)** covers the Far East and Pacific region. The three organizations constitute the **World Organization of Dredging Association (WODA)** with equal representation on the WODA Board of Directors. The goals and objectives are common for each of the three organizations, however, operations to attain these are independently carried out.

#### **WEDA Goals and Objectives**

- To promote the exchange of knowledge in fields related to dredging, navigation, marine engineering and construction by sponsoring or co-sponsoring national and international technical conferences, seminars, and symposiums, including publication and dissemination of the proceedings.
- To provide a forum for improvement of communications, technology transfer, and cooperation among associations, societies, and all organizations interested in dredging, navigation, marine engineering and construction.
- To emphasize the importance of understanding and development of solutions for problems related to the protection and enhancement of the marine environment.
- To support educational institutions for students interested in pursuing dredging and marine engineering as a career.
- To promote membership in and furtherance of the Western Dredging Association through establishment and support of Chapters.
- To recognize individuals and organizations for outstanding engineering and operational achievement.

See the WEDA website: [www.westerndredging.org](http://www.westerndredging.org)

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