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### ***Construction of Emergency Operations Center and Administrative Office***

Northern Palm Beach County Improvement District's Board of Supervisors have approved construction of an Emergency Operations Center and Administrative Office in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. The Board's primary concern regarding the emergency operations center and administrative complex was to ensure successful storm water management for residents and landowners as well as other municipalities and local governments.

The 2004 hurricane season tested Northern's systems. Northern was successful in providing storm water management and prevented flooding of structures. Limited street flooding occurred but the duration was short and first responders were able to provide emergency services. These services are critically important to all local governments during disasters and emergencies. Northern's experience with Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne intensified the Board of Supervisors' commitment to improve their emergency preparedness capabilities.

The proposed 13,500 square foot Emergency Operations Center and Administrative Office will be constructed to withstand 140 mile per hour winds and will include facilities for 24-hour coverage. Redundant systems including backup generators and fuel storage systems will provide power for critical operations during emergency events for the core operations center in the building. The building is being designed by REG Architects, Inc. and will be built by Suffolk Construction, Inc. Northern expects to begin construction in the summer of 2005 with completion of the building scheduled for June 2006. The existing Administrative Office Complex will be sold.

Northern is responsible for a 128 square mile area in northern Palm Beach County. The boundary extends north from Southern Boulevard (State Road 80) to the Palm Beach/Martin County line. Within the area, Northern maintains an extensive network of storm water management systems in four regional basins. The area served includes portions of ten local governments – City of West Palm Beach, Riviera Beach, Town of Lake Park, Village of North Palm Beach, City of Palm Beach Gardens, Town of Jupiter, Town of Juno Beach and the Village of

Tequesta, Palm Beach County and South Florida Water Management District. Northern utilizes an advanced telemetry system to monitor and operate 56 facilities throughout the area. This system allows staffs to operate pump stations, gates and control water levels remotely utilizing highly advanced technology. Improvements and infrastructure maintained include:

Pump Stations	16
Control Structures	83
Telemetry Stations	56
Mechanical Gates	22
Metritapes	59
Aerators	254
Production Wells	9
Preserves Managed (Acres)	3,200
Canal System (Miles)	40

For questions, please contact O'Neal Bardin Jr., Executive Director of the Northern Palm Beach County Improvement District. (561) 624-7830.

The Northern Palm Beach County Improvement District is an independent special district created by the Florida Legislature in 1959. Its role is to provide services related to water management, environmental enhancement and mitigation as well as construction of infrastructure for properties in northern Palm Beach County.