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Dear WEDA Member,

On behalf of the Western Dredging Association (WEDA), I would like to personally thank you for your interest and support. Our non-profit, professional organization was established to advance the knowledge and understanding of dredging throughout the western hemisphere. WEDA's primary goal is to provide a forum for communication and discussion, technology transfer, and cooperation amongst all segments of the dredging industry.

This year, we have made several changes and improvements with emphasis on these initiatives:

- * New branding for annual conferences to more appropriately reflect our goals and objectives, as the new "WEDA Dredging Summit & Expo";
- * Renewed technical focus by providing short courses with professional certification as part of annual meetings, post-conference technical tours, and technical sessions on major projects;
- * WEDA continues to provide the prominent publication, *The Journal of Dredging*;
- * Increased collaboration among chapters, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and implementing student chapters;
- * Improvements on our website to improve communications with our members, www.westerndredging.org;
- * Establishing relationships and opening doors of international cooperation and market exposure to our Canadian and Latin American partners.
- * Joined the Organization of American States as an associate member of the Inter-American Committee on Ports, increasing WEDA's outreach to the dredging community throughout the western hemisphere, especially in Latin and South America.
- * Established a Memorandum of Understanding with the North American Marine Environment Protection Association to educate the marine industry and the public concerning marine environmental protection efforts.

Because of your support as a valued member, WEDA is able to increase its efforts to educate others on the critical need for dredging, creating a strong economy, and protecting the environment.

By renewing your membership, you will continue to help WEDA in fulfilling its important mission as well as remaining eligible to receive all the personal benefits of WEDA membership, such as:

- * Significantly reduced registration rates for attending any of the dredging conferences held by Association Members of the World Organization of Dredging Associations (WEDA, EADA and CEDA);



- * You will be entitled to purchase, at a highly reduced rate, some of the interesting and educational dredging trade magazines;
- * You will receive a complimentary subscription of Terra et Aqua and International Dredging Review;
- * You will receive the Journal of Dredging.
- * You will receive newsletters with information about the dredging community;
- * You will have access to other WEDA members which provides a forum for the improvement of communications, technology-transfer and cooperation among dredging professionals;
- * You will be able to participate in various other WEDA activities and committees focusing on dredging issues jointly with other WEDA members;
- * You will help us recognize individuals and organizations for outstanding engineering and operational achievements in the field of dredging and marine construction;
- * Support students interested in pursuing a career in dredging and marine engineering;

Please help us by renewing your membership and spreading the word of WEDA and its benefits to others, encouraging them to join our professional association. You can renew your membership on the WEDA website, www.westerndredging.org, or by printing and completing the renewal form and mailing it back to us.

This is a new WEDA; please join me on this exciting journey!

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Verna
Executive Director