

Woods Hole firm gets \$15 million contract

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EAST FALMOUTH — The Woods Hole Group, an East Falmouth-based environmental consulting firm, has secured a \$15 million, five-year contract from the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the company has announced.

"It's the biggest contract we've ever had with the Corps," said Bob Hamilton, a coastal engineer and company vice president.

The Corps of Engineers does a lot of good environmental work, he said.

"And we get to help them with those kinds of things for the next five years, which is something we're pretty excited about," Hamilton said.

The company will provide environmental planning and consulting services for projects located in 14 northeastern states and Washington, D.C., according to a press release.

The work will range from risk assessment and monitoring of toxic waste sites to preparing environmental impact reports. Project locations could include New Bedford Harbor, Long Island Sound and Mystic River.

Hamilton declined to share other financial information about the company. Of the contract, he said, "It will certainly contribute to our growth, even in these uncertain economic times."

The Woods Hole Group was founded in Falmouth in 1986.

Today it has almost 50 employees and offices in Houston, Texas; Dover, Del., and Saudi Arabia.

While the company has an international reach, most its work is local, Hamilton said.

Cape-based projects include data collection for Cape Wind, a beach management plan for Wellfleet and a salt marsh restoration plan in Brewster.