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## *Muthanna Governor thanks USACE engineers for work in his province*

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Primary Healthcare Center nearing completion in Muthanna province. (USACE photo by Cecil Whitehouse)

TALLIL, Iraq—The governor of Muthanna Province has extended his thanks to the engineers of the Gulf Region South District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the district's work in his province.

"We would like to send our thanks and appreciation for your great works, which help Al Muthanna Province in construction and services," said Muthanna Gov. Ahmed Marzoq Salal in a recent thank you letter addressed to GRS American Engineers.

"Thanks for your continuous works," said the governor, who voiced hope that more help and support will be forthcoming from GRS.

Muthanna is one of the nine southern province of Iraq served by GRS, which to date has completed more than \$2.5 billion of projects across the south of Iraq and has nearly another \$1 billion worth of projects left to be done.

John Overfield, GRS resident engineer for Muthanna, in turn thanked the

governor and other Muthanna officials for the excellent cooperation the Directors General have extended to the Corps of Engineers. The DGs are those Iraqi officials with whom the Corps personnel work closely on projects.

He said this spirit of mutual cooperation in part reflects the combined efforts of the five Iraqi Construction Engineers and the two persons who have joined the Muthanna Resident Office since mid-August, Cecil Whitehouse and Ulysses Gracia.

Overfield said current projects in Muthanna include the installation of telephone lines in the province's three major cities, a vehicle bridge, a pedestrian

bridge, water storage tanks, several irrigation projects, and two road paving projects.

In addition, he said, a primary healthcare center in the province is nearing completion and is being eyed for turn-over next month. He also said work is progressing on three electrical projects in the province—two substations and one feeder line.

Further, Overfield said, two compact water units, which provide clean drinking water, have been completed in the province since summer and that one more remains to be finished.

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