

Dredge William L. Goetz



- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers commissioned the building of the Dredge William L. Goetz in 2001 and awarded the contract in September 2003.
- It is named after William L. Goetz, a Corps employee from 1957 until 1990. Goetz served as chief of the St. Paul District's construction-operations division from 1970 until his retirement in 1990 and spent his entire career championing a reliable and efficient 9-foot channel system.
- Rowan Electric, Inc., of Houston, which owns the design company Oilfield-Electric-Marine, also of Houston, and Le Tourneau Shipyard in Vicksburg, Mississippi, built the Goetz for \$9.8 million.
- After a 10-day maiden voyage up the Mississippi River, the Dredge Goetz arrived at its new home, the district's Fountain City Boatyard in Fountain City, Wisconsin, on May 15, 2005. Its christening ceremony was held June 24, 2005, in Winona, Minnesota.
- The Goetz is 225 feet long, 40 feet wide and 600 tons. Its steel hull is 8 feet deep, and its draft is 5 feet. It can dredge a maximum of 1,000 cubic yards per hour up to a depth of 28 feet. It is powered by a 4,010-horsepower diesel engine.
- The Goetz has a 22-inch diameter suction pipe with a 20-inch diameter discharge pipe. With its booster barge, it is capable of pumping sand about 2 miles at 1,000 cubic yards per hour.

