

Preparing and Submitting Proposals for the Annual Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development (WRRDA Section 7001)

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Water Resources and Reform Development Act

- Signed into law on 6/10/2014
- Primary legislation by which Congress authorizes the Corps of Engineers' key civil works missions.
- WRRDA is strictly an authorizing legislation; it does not include funding.



WRRDA 2014 Section 7001 Overview: Annual Report on Future Water Resources Development

- Identifies proposals for new study authorizations, new project authorizations, and modifications to existing project or feasibility study authorities
- Based, in part, on annual requests from non-Federal interests
- Secretary certifies proposals that have met five WRRDA criteria
- Proposals that don't meet criteria are included in an appendix



What happens to the Report?

- ASA(CW) submits the Report to Congress by 1 February
- Congress ***may*** use the Report when it considers new authorizations for studies or projects, or changes to existing authorization



The Report Does NOT

- Inclusion in the Report does not provide authorization or appropriation for a study or project
- Inclusion in the Report does not constitute a recommendation for authorization or appropriation by USACE, ASA(CW) or the Administration
- The Report does not replace the new start selection process for studies or projects
- The Report does not prioritize studies or projects



Criteria For Inclusion in the Report Established by Congress

1. Reports, proposed studies and modifications are related to USACE missions and authorities
2. Require specific congressional authorization
3. Have not been congressionally authorized
4. Have not been included in the main table of a previous annual report
5. If authorized could be carried out by USACE



Criteria for Inclusion of a New or Modified Study or Project

1. Related to USACE authorities and one or more of the core missions

USACE primary missions are navigation, flood risk management, and aquatic ecosystem restoration.

Recreation, hydropower and/or water supply will be considered “related” when it is performed in conjunction with one or more of the primary mission(s).



Criteria for Inclusion of a New or Modified Study or Project

2. Required to have specific congressional authorization



- Seeking New Study Authorization
 - New Feasibility study proposals
 - Proposed modifications to USACE study authorizations
- Seeking Construction Authorization
 - Proposed Modifications to USACE projects
 - Proposals for an ongoing study that is expected to result in a Chief's Report
 - Section 203 study proposals

Caveat: Construction can not start until a Chief's Report is signed and transmitted by the Secretary to Congress



Criteria for Inclusion of a New or Modified Study or Project

3. Has not been previously congressionally authorized
4. Has not been included in a previous annual report (under 7001), **AND**
5. Able to be carried out by the USACE, if authorized
 - The decision document process must be followed and completed before a project or project modification can be recommended for construction



Annual Timeline

- May - Request for Proposals posted in the Federal Register
 - ▶ 20 May 2016
- 122 Days - Collection of Proposals (via online submission form wrrda7001proposals.us/)
 - ▶ 19 Sep 2016
- September thru January - Corps and OASA(CW) criteria evaluation
- 1 Feb - Report submitted to Congress



Section 7001 Webpage Resources

<http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/ProjectPlanning.aspx>

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Project Planning Links

- Civil Works Review Board
- Estuary Restoration Act
- Guidance Memos
- Legislative Links
- National Research Council of the National Academies
- Nonstructural Flood Proofing Committee
- Planning Community Toolbox
- Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development**
- Review Plans

Project Planning

Planning plays a vital role in supporting the Corps of Engineers Civil Works water resources development mission. Planning is a structured, rational approach to solving problems. It is also a creative process requiring experience, analysis, intuition and inspiration. Planner's help decision-makers identify water resources problems, conceive solutions to them and compare the importance of the inevitable conflicting values inherent in any solution. In accord with **ER 25-1-8**, following are the functional tasks:

- Oversee and develop the Civil Works planning mission.
- Develop and maintain policy doctrine.
- Promote a capable workforce.
- Build and maintain external relationships and coalitions.
- Promote PCoP communication.
- Enhance the learning organization.

Members of the planning team are professionals in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with expertise in water resources planning, including plan formulation, environmental evaluation, cultural resources evaluation, Civil Works Policy

Useful Links

- Centers of Expertise
- Civil Works Policies
- Ecosystem Restoration Gateway
- Engineering Circulars
- Engineering Pamphlets
- Engineering Regulations
- Find a local Corps Office
- Institute for Water Resources
- Planning Guidance Notebook - ER 1105-2-100

Products

- Signed Chiefs Reports
- Reports to Congress
- Project Partnership Agreements

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Also available from USACE Homepage

<http://www.usace.army.mil/>

The screenshot shows the USACE homepage with the following elements:

- Header:** "HEADQUARTERS" and "US Army Corps of Engineers" with a search bar "Search HQ USACE".
- Navigation:** Home, ABOUT, BUSINESS WITH US, MISSIONS, LOCATIONS, CAREERS, MEDIA, LIBRARY, CONTACT.
- Left Column:**
 - Most Requested:** 249th Engineer Battalion, Civil Works Strategic Plan, 2014-2018, Civil Works Work Plan, Contract with the Corps, Emergency Operations, Finance Center, Find a Local Corps Office, Flood Risk Management Program, Jobs with the Corps, Port and Inland Waterways Modernization Strategy, Publications, Recovery Act, Recreation, Regulatory (Permits), Reserve Affairs - G-3, MOB, & RC Manpower Team, Safety and Occupational Health, Safety and Health Requirements Manual 2014, Volunteer with Us, WRRDA 7001 Report to Congress.
 - News:** Educators turn lessons learned into lesson plans (SAVANNAH, Ga. - The school year continued for 15 educators who returned to the classroom to unearth ways to bring curriculum to life during the CSS Georgia Teacher's Institute held May 31 - June 3 at Georgia Tech Savannah. Published: 6/6/2016), Corps participates in President Obama's Every Kid in a Park initiative that connects fourth graders with nature (The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, welcomed fourth-grade students to several of Published: 6/6/2016), Sun shines on Redstone Arsenal energy savings (Officials symbolically broke ground June 3 on a renewable energy solar project designed to bolster Redstone Arsenal's energy security. The 10 megawatt solar power system, which will be located on approximately 68 acres off Redstone Road, is expected to be operational by December. Published: 6/3/2016), Army Corps of Engineers seeks public comments on proposed to expedite and reduce nationwide permits.
- Right Column:**
 - BUILDING RESILIENCE**
 - Zama Pulse 1.05** (The latest news from Camp Zama, Japan. This episode mentions the Army Birthday, features an important DoDEA update for parents, explains what all the fuss is about at the exchange, and m...)
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 - 5:00 Zama Pulse 1.05**
 - 2:21 Canine Training Center Project Boosts Army Partnership with TSA**
 - 2:08 CSS Georgia Teacher's Institute**


Annotations:

- A box labeled "Click Here" with an arrow pointing to the "Volunteer with Us" link in the "Most Requested" list.
- A yellow oval highlights the "WRRDA 7001 Report to Congress" link in the "Most Requested" list.



Section 7001 Webpage Info

<http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/ProjectPlanning/WRRDA7001Proposals.aspx>



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Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development

Section 7001 of WRRDA 2014 requires that the Secretary of the Army annually **submit to the Congress a report** that identifies, for potential congressional authorization, completed feasibility reports, proposed feasibility studies, and proposed modifications to authorized projects or studies that meet all the following criteria:

- Are related to the missions and authorities of the Corps of Engineers (USACE). USACE primary missions are navigation, flood risk management, and aquatic ecosystem restoration. Recreation, hydropower and/or water supply will be considered "related" when it is performed in conjunction with one or more of the primary mission(s).
- Require specific congressional authorization.
- Have not been congressionally authorized.
- Have not been included in the main table of a previous annual report.
- If authorized could be carried out by the Corps of Engineers.

The annual Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development is to be based, in part, upon annual requests for proposals for authorization from non-Federal interests for proposed feasibility studies and proposed modifications to authorized projects or studies that require authorization for the Corps of Engineers to proceed.

Section 7001 requires that the Secretary certify that the proposals included in the annual report meet the criteria established by Congress, listed above. Any proposals that do not meet the criteria will be included in the Report's appendix. Inclusion in the Annual Report to Congress does not provide authorization or appropriation for a study or project.

Links

- Submit a Proposal
- Annual Report to Congress
- May 2016 Federal Register Notice
- Fact Sheet
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Planning Community Toolbox

For More Information

For questions related to the Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development, please email us at wrrda7001proposal@usace.army.mil

Preparing and Submitting a Proposal

Submit proposals online at www.wrrda7001proposals.us. Proposals must be received by **19 September 2016**.




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The Proposal Submission Form

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Proposals for Report to Congress on Future Water Resources

For best results, please submit your proposal using one of the following browsers: Internet Explorer 11, Mozilla Firefox, or Google Chrome

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Proposals for Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development

Proposals from non-Federal interests to be included in the February 2017 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Annual Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development

Please do not include information that is Confidential Business Information, information whose disclosure is restricted by statute, or other information that you would not want to appear in the annual report. Please follow instructions and enter only relevant statements in the appropriate boxes. Responses should NOT only refer to uploaded documents.

1. Administrative details:

Name of the proposal:
(200 Character Maximum)
Please only list the name, e.g. "ABC Water Study"

Agency preparing the proposal:
(200 Character Maximum)
Please list only the official agency name submitting this proposal

POC Name: **POC Phone:** **Extension (if Applicable):** **POC Email:**

Applicable States or Territories (Choose all that apply):

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2. Provide the name of the primary sponsor and all non-Federal interests that have contributed or are expected to contribute toward the non-Federal share of the proposed feasibility study or modification. Responses should NOT only refer to uploaded documents.



Information Each Submission Includes:

- Sponsor Name(s)
- Study or Project Purpose
- Estimated cost (Fed and non-Fed)
- Anticipated monetary and nonmonetary benefits
- Letter or statement of support
- Financial capability of Sponsor
- Map – Optional but highly recommended

Costs and Benefits estimates should use available information



Not Eligible for the Report

- Proposals for studies or projects that already have authorization.
- Proposals for modifications to non-Federal activities where USACE has provided previous technical assistance.

An example of this type of work is the Environmental Infrastructure Program, also known as Section 210 of the 1992 WRDA, as amended, as well as specific Environmental Infrastructure authorities. Authorization to provide technical assistance does not provide authorization of a water resources development project.



Not Eligible for the Report

- Proposals for construction of a new project unrelated to a currently authorized Corps project that is not the subject of a complete or ongoing feasibility study.
- Proposals that are not requesting a potential future water resources development study or project, for example requests for legislative changes and project deauthorizations.



The Appendix

- Proposals that do not meet the criteria or do not contain all the required information will not be included in the Annual Report, but will be included in an appendix, citing which criteria were not met.



For the Latest Information

- Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development / WRRDA 7001 Webpage
 - ▶ Includes Links to Fed Register Notice and Proposal Form
 - ▶ FAQs on the Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development (Updated as additional questions arise)
 - ▶ Questions? Email: wrrda7001proposal@usace.army.mil

<http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/ProjectPlanning/WRRDA7001Proposals.aspx>



Questions

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