

QPI Topics

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Quality Partnership Initiative (QPI)

- AAPA, Corps and Assistant Secretary of Army for Civil Works
- Discussions began after the Corps 2002 reorganization announcement
- Memorandum of Agreements signed in 2004
- Goal: Improve processes and working relationships as cost sharing partners
- Recommitment to MOA principles in Jan 2012
- Issued QPI Recommendations Report in 2012
- 25 Recommendations established under 3 teams
 - major focus was Planning studies

Action Teams and Leaders

Original

- Communications and Collaboration
 - Hope Moorer
 - Joe Vietri/Naomi Frankel
- Program Performance
 - Joe Miller (retired)
 - Ray Russo (retired)
- Authorities
 - Grady Bryant
 - Larry Prather (retired)

Next Generation

- Communications and Collaboration
 - ???
 - Joe Vietri/Naomi Frankel
- Program Performance
 - Mark Vincent
 - Dylan Davis
- Authorities
 - Grady Bryant
 - Wes Coleman

Communications and Collaboration Recommendations

	RECOMMENDATION	STATUS
CC-1	Identify Corps and Ports POC's; conduct regular discussions	Complete
CC-2	Schedule strategic communications discussions	Complete
CC-3	Establish virtual navigation library	Complete
CC-4	Fully utilize the Deep Draft Navigation Planning Center of Expertise, DDNPCX	Complete
CC-5	Develop communication plans and joint messaging focusing on 'We are a maritime Nation'	Complete
CC-6	Identify and share Best Practices	Complete

Product Delivery Recommendations

	RECOMMENDATION	STATUS
PD-1	Present Planning Modernization Initiative to H&N community via webinar	Completed
PD-2	Evaluate and adjust Independent External Peer Review process.	Completed
PD-3	Implement guidance for Section 2045 of WRDA 2007 – suspenses for NEPA environmental reviews	Ongoing
PD-4	Establish programmatic assessment of navigation studies	Ongoing
PD-5	Treat partners as partners	Ongoing

Product Delivery Recommendations

	RECOMMENDATION	STATUS
PD-6	Enable Port reps participation in Corps planning training courses	Completed
PD-7	Grandfather studies and methodologies during the conduct of Civil Works planning activities	Ongoing
PD-8	Develop pre-approved economic models for navigation studies	Completed
PD-9	Allow sponsor to 'Act as Agent' for Corps construction and O&M activities	Ongoing
PD-10	Conduct webinar to explain Harbor Sym economics model, lessons learned and future plans.	Ongoing

Authorities Recommendations

	RECOMMENDATION	STATUS
A-1	Allow Sponsors to hire the Corps for Feasibility Study economic reviews	WRDA 2016
A-2	Address cost-sharing credit for Port's in-kind work at dredged material placement facilities, DMPF	Ongoing
A-3	Enable Corps Districts to retain user fees collected at DMPF	Ongoing
A-4	Eliminate the 10% amount	Ongoing
A-5	Re-establish Continuing Contracts clause for Corps work	Drop
A-6	Deleted associated costs from Benefit-to-Cost Ratios	Drop

Authorities Recommendations

	RECOMMENDATION	STATUS
A-7	Establish guidance for in-kind credit valuation and approval	Ongoing – to PD team
A-8	Advanced funds authority for studies and maintenance dredging	WRDA 2016
A-9	Eliminate Initial Reconnaissance Study for existing Federal Navigation Channels	WRRDA 2014 Ongoing
A-10	Modernize the cost-share depth brackets	WRDA 2016
New	Non-Federal Use of Dredged Material Placement Facilities	Ongoing
New	Explore Alternative Financing	Ongoing
New	WRRDA Section 7001 New Study Starts and other efforts	Ongoing

New QPI Actions

	ACTION ITEM	TEAM
1	Beneficial uses of dredged material and the Federal Standard (Section 1122 I.G.)	PD
2	Project Partnership Agreements and pipeline relocations/removals	A
3	Dredged Material Management Plans (DMMP) streamline process	PD
4	Contributed Funds – pursue annual Congressional report rather than pre-acceptance notice	PD
5	Improve coordination of Sections 404 and 408 reviews	PD

New QPI Actions

	ACTION ITEM	TEAM
6	Sponsor funding for Corps Section 214 (Regulatory) and Section 408 (Engineering) analysis	PD
7	Stakeholder engagement checklist – identify best practices (and conflict resolution)	CC
8	Dredged material placement area tipping fees – construction cost versus market value	A
9	Pursue Section 408 guidance specific for Navigation	PD
10	Sponsor notification of when new guidance issued	CC

New QPI Actions

	ACTION ITEM	TEAM
11	Establish delivery and acceptance of Federal responsibility for maintenance of Sponsor channel improvements	PD
12	Establish process to engage Sponsor in disposal of real estate easements no longer needed for the project	PD
13	Clarification of the authority for Post-Authorization Design Changes	PD
14	Alternative financing	
	Dredging Contractors of America have action items from their Corps partnering meetings	

Dredging Contractors of America

Partnering Action Items

	ACTION ITEM	TEAM
	Utility crossings – better marking for dredge safety; regulatory as-builts of pipeline locations; tracking pipeline ownership changes; trend of pipeline owners ignoring dredging contractor info requests - need Corps to force communication	
	Contracting	
	Cost Estimating	
	DMMP – assure capacity available for dredging work; limited capacity impacting dredging time and cost	

Summary – Seeking your support

- Engage in QPI efforts, consider joining an action team
- Encourage others to participate in QPI efforts, especially AAPA/Corps webinars
- Additional QPI info available on [the AAPA website](#)



Thanks for all you do!