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Deep Draft
Navigation Planning
Center of Expertise
(DDNPCX)



HOW WE DELIVER

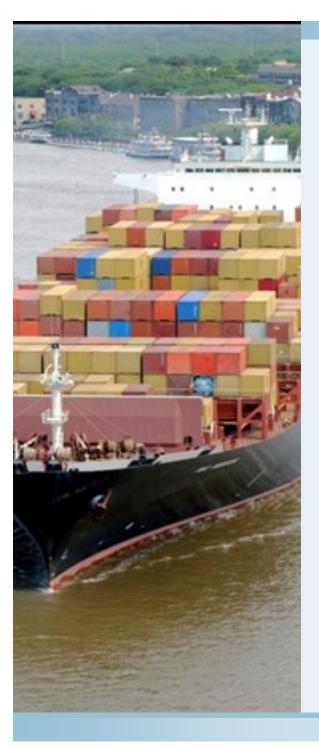
- Core team of experienced, dedicated senior staff as well as motivated, intelligent, and talented newcomers
- Nationally recognized deep draft navigation experts
- Economies of scale from production, policy, review, and management functions in one location
- Strong relationships with stakeholders
- Expertise in economic modeling











WHO WE ARE

In 2003, the USACE Director of Civil Works established the DDNPCX in the South Atlantic Division (SAD). The DDNPCX is the primary point of contact for USACE deep draft navigation (DDN) planning needs at national and international levels. The USACE Chief of Planning and Policy is responsible for DDNPCX oversight. While the SAD Chief of Planning and Policy serves as the Center's Director, the DDNPCX Technical Director and the Center's core staff are located in the Mobile District (Mobile, Alabama). The Technical Director exercises day-to-day operational and managerial control over the DDNPCX and its economic production team (including virtual representatives), ensures Center products are policy compliant, and oversees the DDNPCX Peer Review and Model Certification functions.

Economic analyses are critical components of DDN and small boat harbor (SBH) navigation studies, essential elements of the budget process, and invaluable tools in postauthorization decision making. Operation Order (OPORD) 2012-15, signed by the Chief of Engineers on 24 February 2012, designated the DDNPCX as a mandatory center for the production of all DDN and SBH economic analyses. The area of responsibility for economic production includes preauthorization studies (e.g., feasibility), postauthorization studies (e.g., validation studies, general re-evaluation reports, and dredged material management plans), and economic analyses to support effective operations and maintenance decisions and budgets.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Adhere to OPORD 2012-15 (designation of the DDNPCX as a mandatory center for the production of all DDN and SBH economic analyses)
- Facilitate a consistent and uniform National approach in the planning and evaluation of DDN and SBH projects
- Strengthen Major Subordinate Command (MSC)/District coordination and collaboration
- Ensure all USACE DDN and SBH economic analyses are performed in accordance with Corps policy and technical requirements
- Serve as Review Management Organization responsible for facilitation of independent review of DDN & SBH Civil Works decision documents
- Provide planning model review, approval, and certification
- Engage MSCs and Districts in the conduct of DDNPCX activities
- Maintain project schedules and agreed upon funding levels
- Resolve issues and concerns expeditiously and at the lowest possible organizational level
- Provide training in DDN planning and economics, including use of the USACE certified HarborSym model

WHAT WE DO

- Economic Production
- Technical Services
- Peer Review
- Research and Development
- Training
- Planning Model Certification
- Policy Development & Support
- Process Improvement
- Apply Lessons Learned

