

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

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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 meet five WRRDA criteria
- Proposals that don't meet criteria are included in an appendix



An Important Note

- Inclusion in the Report does not provide authorization or appropriation for a study or project
- 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



Proposal Process

- FR Notice published in May and posted on HQUSACE website
- Online submission form for proposals
- Continue to incorporate lessons each year to ensure an inclusive and expansive approach



Section 7001 Webpage Resources

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

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HOME > MISSIONS > CIVIL WORKS > PROJECT PLANNING

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 a header featuring the US Army Corps of Engineers logo and the text "US Army Corps of Engineers HEADQUARTERS". A search bar labeled "Search HQ USACE" is present. A navigation menu includes links for "ABOUT", "BUSINESS WITH US", "MISSIONS", "LOCATIONS", "CAREERS", "MEDIA", "LIBRARY", and "CONTACT".

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
- Value Engineering
- Volunteer with Us
- WRRDA 7001 Report to Congress

News

Corps of Engineers, partners, report on progress restoring America's Everglades

Significant progress has been made in restoring America's Everglades over the past five years and a comprehensive report highlighting these efforts has recently been submitted to Congress. The 2015 Report to Congress for the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) was jointly submitted to Congress last week by the secretaries of the Army and the Interior. The report details the collaborative effort of participating agencies and their combined commitment to restore America's Everglades.

Published: 3/30/2016

The Workforce Awakens -- Millennials find their "Pathway" to success

There is a tremor in the workforce. With a swell of retirement-eligible baby boomers leading the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, a new band of heroes face a stiff challenge to quickly transform into future leaders of our nation's premier public engineering agency. A collection of young professionals born from 1981-1996, millennials hold a cosmic cloud of information at their fingertips and are finding a new "Pathway" to success, designed to make them the most well-trained decision makers the Corps has ever seen.

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Section 7001 Webpage Info

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

US Army Corps of Engineers Search HQ USACE

HOME > MISSIONS > CIVIL WORKS > PROJECT PLANNING > WRRDA 7001 PROPOSALS

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.

Preparing and Submitting a Proposal

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

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

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Top of page with general information and links to other resources, including Federal Register Notice.

Instructions on Preparing and Submitting Proposals

Preparing and Submitting a Proposal

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

Submit one form for each study or modification to a study or project being proposed.

Do not include Confidential Business Information, information whose disclosure is restricted by statute, or any other information that you would not want to appear in the Annual Report to Congress.

We recommend completing the proposal form in one sitting and having all letters of support and other materials assembled before completing the form. The following information will be requested:

1. Contact information for the individual/agency submitting the proposal.
2. Study project / location; you'll have the option to upload a map of the study / project.
3. The name of all non-Federal interests planning to act as the sponsor(s), including any non-Federal interest that has contributed to or is expected to contribute toward the non-Federal share of the proposed feasibility study or modification.
4. A letter or statement of support from each associated non-Federal interest. Please limit your files to a maximum of 30MB (30,000 KB) in size. Files larger than 30 MB will not be considered.
5. State if this proposal is for a feasibility study or a modification to an authorized USACE water resources development project or feasibility study.
6. If the proposal is for a modification, the name of the authorized study or project must be specified.
7. State the specific project purpose(s) of the proposed study or modification.
8. Provide an estimate, to the extent practicable, of the total cost, and the Federal and non-Federal share of those costs, of the proposed study and, separately, an estimate of the cost of construction or modification.
9. Describe, to the extent applicable and practicable, an estimate of the anticipated monetary and non-monetary benefits of the proposal with regard to benefits to the protection of human life and property; improvement to transportation; the national economy; the environment; or the national security interests of the United States.
10. Describe local support for the proposal.
11. State if the non-Federal interest has the financial ability to provide for the required cost share, reference the Planning Guidance Notebook (ER 1105-2-100).

Although additional proposal documentation may be uploaded (30MB max file size), please be sure to answer each question in the field provided. Responses should not state "refer to uploaded documents" with no other response.

Online Proposal Form for non-Federal Interests

The screenshot shows the 'Section 7001 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) 2014' proposal form. It includes fields for 'Name of the proposal', 'Agency preparing the proposal', 'POC Name', 'POC Phone', and 'POC Email'. There is a grid of checkboxes for 'Applicable States or Territories' with options from AL to VI. Below that, there are sections for 'Primary Sponsor', 'Statement of Support', and 'Upload Letter'. A section for 'Other Non-Federal Interests' is also present. At the bottom, there are radio button options for 'Feasibility Study', 'Modification to an Authorized USACE Feasibility Study', and 'Modification to an Authorized USACE Project'. The final question asks for a clear articulation of the project purpose and authorization needs, with a 2000-character limit.

Information on the Proposal Form



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

Costs and Benefits estimates should use available information



Annual Timeline

- May - Request for Proposals in the Federal Register
 - ▶ 20 May 2016
- 122 Days - Collection of Proposals
 - ▶ 19 Sep 2016
- September thru January - Corps and OASA(CW) criteria evaluation
- 1 Feb - Report to Congress



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



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.
- 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 once published in May
 - ▶ FAQs on the Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development (posted soon; Updated as additional questions arise)
 - ▶ Questions? Email: wrrda7001proposal@usace.army.mil
 - ▶ <http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/ProjectPlanning/WRRDA7001Proposals.aspx>

