

THE ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS ON FUTURE WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (WRRDA 2014, SECTION 7001)

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WHAT IS YOUR FAMILIARITY WITH THE ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS ON FUTURE WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (AKA “7001 REPORT”)?

What is 7001?

**I have heard of it,
but do not know
much.**

**I know a decent
amount but haven't
been involved.**

**I've been a part of
the evaluation
process in prior
years.**

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WHAT IS YOUR ROLE IN THE 7001 PROCESS?

No role. Just here to learn.

I work with stakeholders and interested public who may have questions about this process.

I am the 7001 POC for my District/Division.

I have been and/or will be involved in the proposal evaluation process.

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AGENDA



- ✓ WRRDA 7001 Report to Congress - Context
- ✓ Process
- ✓ WRDA 2020 – What's new?
- ✓ Criteria for Inclusion in the Report
- ✓ Fine Print: What it means to be in the Report and Appendix
- ✓ District, MSC, and HQs Roles
- ✓ Useful links and information



ANNUAL REPORT ON FUTURE WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT



Established by WRRDA 2014, Section 7001, due every February:

1. Identifies proposals for new study authorizations, new project authorizations, and modifications to existing project or study authorities for consideration by Congress.
2. Certain environmental infrastructure projects and programs may be included based on amendments in subsequent WRDAs.
3. Proposals in the report are based, in part, on annual requests from non-Federal interests.
4. Secretary certifies proposals meet five WRRDA criteria.
5. Proposals that don't meet criteria are included in an appendix.



ANNUAL REPORT ON FUTURE WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT



Includes:

1. All proposals submitted annually from non-federal interests for consideration in the Report. Proposals are included in either the main report or in the appendix.
2. Signed Chief's Reports and transmitted Section 203 studies for Congressional consideration of project authorization.

May also include:

Additional reports/decision documents requested by Congress: e.g., ASA(CW) recommendation of releasing future water storage rights (§ 1046), inland waterways riverbank stabilization project recommendations (§ 2009), remote and subsistence harbor project recommendations (§ 2104).



ANNUAL REPORT PROCESS



- [Federal Register Notice](#) published and posted on HQUSACE website (NLT 1 May) – *posted 30 April 2021*
- HQ offers public informational webinar for interested stakeholders and social media outreach – *12 July and 5 August at 2pm EST*
- 120-day open period for proposals – *through 30 August*
- [Online submission form](#) collects information required by WRRDA and necessary to evaluate proposal
- District, Division, and RITs / HQ conduct a sequential evaluation of proposals against the criteria
- Office of Counsel engaged at each level to confirm authorities
- OASA(CW) participated in discussion of HQs evaluations



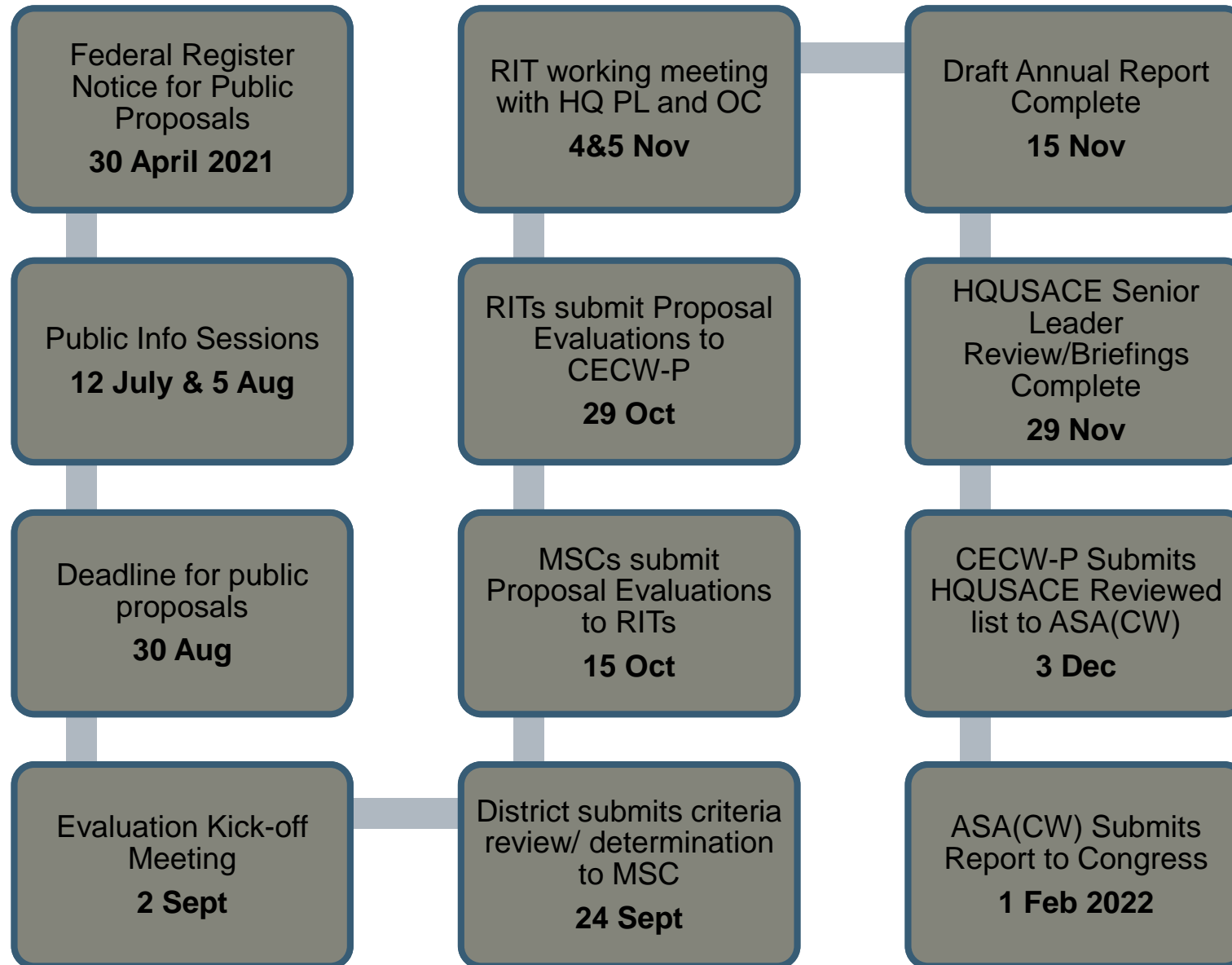
ANNUAL REPORT PROCESS



- Corps submits a draft report to OASA(CW) for review/coordination by early December
- Corps works with OASA(CW) to finalize submission to OMB
- Following OMB review, report is provided to Congress by 1 February and published on Corps website
- After Report published, District calls non-Federal POC and explains the placement of each proposal
- AAR and lessons learned



2022 REPORT - SCHEDULE





WHAT'S NEW IN 7001?



- Section 7001 has been amended in WRDA 2016, 2018, and most recently 2020
- WRDA 2016 and 2018 largely focused on expanding criteria to include Environmental Infrastructure
- Section 127, WRDA 2020:
 - Allows project proposals for **municipal and agricultural water supply**
 - Modifications to an **EI** assistance program that has not been included in any previous annual report
 - Allows project modifications to a **continuing authorities program (CAP)** project that is funded by USACE.
 - Applies to CAP projects that are 100% Fed
 - Only in cases where a project modification is necessary because the project is projected to exceed, in the coming fiscal year, the maximum Federal cost of the project AND the proposed modification will result in the completion of construction
 - Not the result of a change in scope



CRITERIA FOR INCLUSION OF A NEW OR MODIFIED STUDY OR PROJECT



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

- USACE primary missions are navigation, flood risk management, aquatic ecosystem restoration. WRDA 2020 further expands mission areas for the purposes of the 7001 Report to also include water supply. Recreation and/or hydropower 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. Require specific congressional authorization
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

NOTE: The decision document process must be followed and completed before a project or project modification can be recommended for construction.



WHAT ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROPOSALS?



- To be included in the table within the Annual Report the proposal must be for either:
 - A modification to an environmental infrastructure project authority pursuant to Section 219 of WRDA 1992, as amended **or**
 - A modification to a programmatic authority for an environmental infrastructure assistance program.
- Proposals for modifications to environmental infrastructure program authorities must also include a description of assistance provided to date and the total Federal cost of assistance provided to date.



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 (not an authorized 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 (e.g., changes to legislation).



THE FINE PRINT



The Report does not:

- Provide authorization or appropriation for a study or project
- Replace the new start selection process for studies or projects
- Prioritize studies or projects

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.



PROCESSING PROPOSALS



Deadline for receipt of non-Federal Proposals is **30 August 2021**.

- USACE and ASA(CW) will collectively process and evaluate proposals
- SharePoint will be used to organize the proposal information
 - Districts are the lead in evaluating and documenting the 5 criteria
 - Office of Counsel has the lead in documenting authorities
 - Districts, Divisions, RITs, HQUSACE, and OASA(CW) staff are involved in evaluating proposals prior to providing final draft report and appendix to the ASA(CW)



DISTRICT ROLES



- Clarify proposal with the Sponsor / Potential Sponsor if necessary.
 - Understand the proposals enough that you can provide a “plain English” summary of the proposal
- **Provide a comprehensive, robust explanation for categorization (Report vs. Appendix)**
 - Understand current authorities
 - Understand the five criteria and how to apply them
- If doesn't meet the 5 criteria, work with Sponsor / potential Sponsor on another solution:
 - Is there already an authority that addresses the request?
 - Is it not a USACE core mission?
 - Can it be addressed via another route: CAP, FPMS, other agencies, etc.?



MSC AND RIT ROLES - QA



- Critically Evaluate / Review submissions for consistency
- QC / Backcheck when necessary (e.g., verify authorities, purpose of project)
- **If their evaluation of criteria differs – provide explanation**
- MSC POC and MSC Planning Chief Sign-off and provide MSC cleared submissions to RITs (via consistent format)
- RITs – completeness check and QC lists by deadline
- Sign-off and pass on to HQ (Planning / OC) for final review



HEADQUARTERS PLANNING ROLES



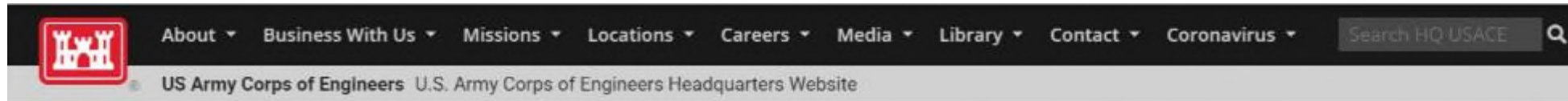
- Ensures data integrity, consistency and completeness across all MSC submissions
- Engages with RITs on final backcheck
- CECW-P compiles draft lists for Report and Appendix
- Submits lists to ASA(CW)
- Works with ASA(CW) staff on final edits to report and appendix, including placement of proposals



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

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Links

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For More Information

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- **Monday, July 12, 2021,**

Top of page with general information and links to other resources, including Federal Register Notice, a fact sheet, and link to previous reports.



INSTRUCTIONS ON PREPARING AND SUBMITTING PROPOSALS



Preparing and Submitting a Proposal

The proposal period for the 2022 Report to Congress opens on April 30, 2021 for 120 days. **The deadline for proposals is August 30, 2021.** Submit your proposals online at: <http://www.wrrda7001proposals.us/>

All non-federal interests are invited to submit proposals for new Corps water resources development project study authority; modifications to an existing Corps water resources development project study authority; modifications to an existing Corps water resources development project authority; and modifications to an existing Corps environmental infrastructure program authority. Please submit one form for each study or modification to a study, project, or environmental infrastructure program authority 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 area (8.5"x11" PDF).
3. The name of the non-Federal interest planning to act as the sponsor, or all non-Federal interests in the case of a modification to an environmental infrastructure program authority, 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. Letters may be addressed generically to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the local Corps District office, or the Assistant Secretary of the Army of Civil Works office. 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, a modification to a USACE water resources development feasibility study authority, a modification to a USACE water resources project authority, or a modification to a USACE environmental infrastructure program authority.
6. If the proposal is for a modification, the name of the authorized study, project, or environmental infrastructure program must be specified.
7. If the proposal is for a modification to an environmental infrastructure program authority, a brief description of the assistance provided to date and total Federal cost of assistance provided to date must be provided.
8. State the specific project purpose(s) of the proposed study or modification and demonstrate the proposal is related to USACE missions and authorities and why additional or new authorization is needed.
9. 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.
10. 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 and improvement to transportation, the national, regional, or local economy, the environment, or the national security interests of the United States.
11. Describe local support for the proposal.
12. 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

Section 7001 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) 2014

Proposals from non-Federal Interests to be included in the February 2018 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.

1. Administrative details:

Name of the proposal:

Agency preparing the proposal:

POC Name: POC Phone: POC Email:

Applicable States or Territories (Choose all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> AL	<input type="checkbox"/> FL	<input type="checkbox"/> LA	<input type="checkbox"/> NB	<input type="checkbox"/> OK	<input type="checkbox"/> VA
<input type="checkbox"/> AK	<input type="checkbox"/> GA	<input type="checkbox"/> ME	<input type="checkbox"/> NV	<input type="checkbox"/> OR	<input type="checkbox"/> VT
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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.

Primary Sponsor: Statement of Support: Upload Letter:

Other Non-Federal Interests: (Optional)

3. State if this proposal is for a feasibility study, a modification to an authorized USACE feasibility study or a modification to an authorized USACE project. If it is a proposal for a modification, provide the authorized water resources development feasibility study or project name.

☐ Feasibility Study
☐ Modification to an Authorized USACE Feasibility Study
☐ Modification to an Authorized USACE Project

4. Clearly articulate the specific project purpose(s) of the proposed study or modification. Demonstrate that the proposal is related to USACE mission and authorities and specifically address why additional or new authorization is needed.
(2000 Character Maximum)

Information requested on the Proposal Form



INFORMATION EACH SUBMISSION INCLUDES:

- Non-Federal Interest's 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 (PDF)

**Costs and Benefits estimates
should use available
information**



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Links to past Annual Reports and the last year's proposals

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TAKE A GUESS - HOW MANY PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED IN WRDAS?

0-20

20-40

40-60

60-80

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WHAT HAPPENS WITH THE REPORT?

It's up to Congress



Between 2015 and 2020:

- **348 proposals** have been received from non-federal interests
- **107 proposals** were included in 7001 annual reports (main report)
- **64 proposals** authorized by WRDAs (2016, 2018, 2020)



QUESTIONS?



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