



Alaska District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Seeks Proposals for Water Resources Development Studies and Projects from non-Federal Interests

Section 7001 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) of 2014 requires the Secretary of the Army to submit annually to Congress an Annual Report that identifies for potential congressional authorization completed feasibility reports, proposed feasibility studies, and proposed modifications to authorized projects or studies that meet the following five criteria:

- ◆ Are related to USACE missions and authorities, e.g. navigation, flood risk management, and aquatic ecosystem restoration. Recreation, hydropower and/or water supply will be considered related when performed in conjunction with one of the primary missions.
- ◆ Require specific congressional authorization. These tend to be larger projects generally in excess of \$10 million.
- ◆ 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 USACE.

The Annual Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development is based partly on annual requests from non-Federal interests for proposed feasibility studies and proposed modifications to authorized projects or studies that require authorization for the USACE to proceed.

The USACE Federal Register notice requesting proposals from non-Federal interests may be found in its entirety at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2016/05/20/2016-11944/proposals-by-non-federal-interests-for-feasibility-studies-and-for-modifications-to-an-authorized>

Proposals from non-Federal interests must be submitted online.

- **Where to submit online:** <http://www.wrrda7001proposals.us/>

If you are unable to submit online, send an email to the help desk at: WRRDA7001Proposal@usace.army.mil or call Lisa Kiefel at (202) 761-0626, Planning and Policy Division, Headquarters, USACE, Washington, DC.

- **Deadline:** 19 September 2016
- **Required Information:**
 - ◆ Names of all non-Federal interests planning to act as a sponsor, including those that have contributed to or are expected to contribute toward the non-Federal share of the proposed feasibility study or modification. Upload a letter or statement of support from each associated non-Federal interest.
 - ◆ Type of proposal, e.g. a feasibility study or modification to an authorized USACE water resources development project or feasibility study, and if a modification, name of the authorized project or study proposed for modification.
 - ◆ Project purpose, e.g. navigation, flood risk management, aquatic ecosystem restoration etc.
 - ◆ Estimate 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.
 - ◆ Estimate of the anticipated monetary and non-monetary benefits of the proposed project, e.g. protection of human life and property; improvement to transportation, the national economy, or the environment; or national security interests.
 - ◆ Statement of local support for the proposed project or study.
 - ◆ Statement of financial ability of the primary sponsor to provide for the required cost share.

Information provided may be included in the Annual Report to Congress; therefore, any information a non-Federal interest would not want to appear in the Annual Report should not be included, e.g. confidential business information.

- **Process:** Proposals received by the deadline will be reviewed by the Chief of Engineers and the Secretary of the Army and evaluated against the aforementioned five criteria.
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