Services

Contracting
The Contracting Division provides contracting services of the highest quality to the district’s customers on a timely and cost-effective basis, while maintaining the public’s trust and fulfilling public policy objectives. As an integral member of project delivery teams, the division serves as the catalyst for advancing effective acquisition planning, strategies, and innovative practices.

Small Business
The Alaska District fully supports the federal government’s policy to preserve the nation’s free competitive enterprise, and to ensure that a fair proportion of the purchases and contracts for property and services for the government be placed with small business enterprises. The Small Business Program sustains the Corps of Engineers as a premier organization in developing small businesses and maximizing their opportunities to participate in district work, thereby ensuring a strong economic base for the state and nation.

Emergency Management
The Emergency Management Office provides quality and responsive disaster assistance in civil emergencies throughout the United States, while coordinating support for military contingency response operations around the world.

Real Estate
The Real Estate Branch delivers real estate services to the military in Alaska and provides support to the nation in times of need, disaster and/or military contingencies. The district serves as executive agent for the Department of Defense Recruiting Program. It also acquires the necessary interests for the Defense Environmental Restoration Program/Formerly Used Defense Sites Program, Civil Works projects and acquisition of real property for other federal agencies.

Regulatory
The Regulatory Division maintains a large role in Alaska’s development. The district regulates the discharge of fill material in waters and wetlands under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and all work in navigable waters under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. Wetlands cover nearly half of Alaska at more than 170 million acres.

Tribal Coordination
The Alaska District coordinates with tribes on many different levels throughout its various programs. Tribes may participate in Corps projects at many different levels depending on interest and potential project impacts to tribes. It is the Corps’ goal to foster trust and respect while enhancing communication between the district and the Alaska Native community.
Overview

Mission
The Alaska District provides vital public engineering services in peace and war to strengthen our nation’s security, energize the economy, and reduce risk from disasters in Alaska and the Indo-Asia-Pacific Region.

Since its establishment in 1946, more than a decade before statehood, the Alaska District has served as the nation’s leader in arctic engineering and construction to forge an influential role in the development of the “Last Frontier.”

Vision
The vision of the Alaska District is to promote empowerment, teamwork, partnership and fun; optimize everything and lead revolutionary change for tomorrow; and be the agency of choice for Alaska, the Indo-Asia-Pacific Region and our nation.

Safety First
Safety is the core of the Alaska District’s operations. The organization conducts a comprehensive program for work force safety and to assist construction crews in exceeding Corps safety standards. The Alaska District is a multi-year winner of the Chief of Engineers Safety Award.

Full Capability
The Alaska District is responsible for four major programs consisting of military construction, civil works, environmental cleanup/restoration, and interagency and international services. The district also has significant programs in contracting, operations and maintenance, and real estate. Furthermore, the district regulates activities in waters and wetlands under authority of the Clean Water Act, and Rivers and Harbors Act.

These programs are highly visible in the military and local communities and are deep-seated in Alaskan history. As nation’s experts in arctic engineering, the district applies extensive cold regions expertise enhanced by a partnership with the Engineering Research Development Center’s Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory.

The district’s professionals assist and collaborate with military, federal, state, local and native entities to provide planning, engineering studies, design, environmental science studies, construction, contracting, real estate, emergency operations, and regulatory projects, and services. The district supports Overseas Contingency Operations and the nation’s disaster response activities.

Programs

Civil Works
Civil Works program managers work with the state, boroughs, local communities, other federal agencies, tribal entities and non-government organizations across Alaska to design and build new harbors, expand existing harbors, provide flood risk management and erosion protection, and restore damaged environmental habitat.

The Alaska District also conducts maintenance dredging in support of Alaska’s commerce. The district maintains navigation channels at several other communities. Engineers annually inspect flood and erosion mitigation projects, which were built by the federal government but are maintained by local governments. The district is constructing several environmental protection and restoration projects in partnership with city and borough governments. The district can help communities protect their public infrastructure with erosion mitigation and flood risk management projects.

The district’s largest civil works project is the Chena River Lakes Flood Control Project, which protects Fairbanks and Fort Wainwright from devastating floods. The project is the Corps of Engineers’ northernmost flood risk management dam and recreation facility in the nation.

The Tribal Partnership Program authorizes cost-shared studies to be performed for tribal entities. Initial funding under this authority allows the district to initiate a review of erosion and flood risk management needs, evaluate requirements and conduct planning for the potential relocation of native villages threatened by nature’s forces.

The Planning Assistance to States Program allows the district to provide technical assistance to the state, tribes and communities with water resource-related planning on a cost-shared basis.

Using authorities under the Interagency and International Services Program, the district provides design and construction management support to other federal agencies in their quest to provide needed infrastructure.

Environmental & Special Projects

Army and Air Force
The organization manages cleanup projects under the Army Environmental Program, Air Force Environmental Program, and Interagency and International Services Program.

Formerly Used Defense Sites
The Department of Defense is responsible for environmental restoration of properties formerly owned by, leased to or otherwise possessed by the United States and under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Defense. This program performs environmental restoration of sites contaminated with hazardous, toxic or radioactive waste and/or ordnance from past military activities.

Contingency Operations
The Alaska District is assisting this agency by managing the construction of multipurpose cyclone shelters and agricultural infrastructure in Bangladesh.

Global Peace Operations Initiative
The Alaska District is assisting with this initiative by managing construction projects that provide infrastructure to support the training of host-nation peacekeeping forces in Mongolia and Bangladesh.

Humanitarian Assistance
Humanitarian assistance projects executed on behalf of the U.S. Pacific Command and State Department include the design and construction of schools, medical clinics and emergency shelters for many countries across the Asia-Pacific region.

Support for Others
With this program, the district has executed environmental projects throughout Alaska for the Bureau of Land Management, Coast Guard, Department of Energy, Department of Interior, Environmental Protection Agency and Federal Aviation Administration.

Interagency and International
Under this program, the district provides engineering, construction, environmental remediation and other technical services to non-Department of Defense federal agencies, state and local governments, international organizations and foreign governments.

Denali Commission
Studies, designs and construction projects executed collaboratively with the Denali Commission are focused on improving transportation infrastructure and quality of life in rural Alaska. Under this program, the district designed and installed mooring points at key coastal and riverine communities.

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