Program Development & Management: U.S. Army Civil Works Program

ional Ports and Harbors

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Future Budget Trends

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FY09 BUDGET STATUS

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- FY09 Budget Submitted by ASA(CW) to OMB on 17 Sep 07
- OMB Passback Received 26 Nov 07
- Passback Appeal submitted 29 Nov 07
- Final OMB Decisions about 12 Dec 07
- Final Budget "Lock" on 7 Jan 08
- President Submits Budget to Congress
 on 4 Feb 08



Adjusting the USACE Budget Process

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- Goal and Performance-Based Budgets
 - Define strategy, objectives and performance metrics
 - Budget to achieve those objectives
 - Systems budgeting—national, regional, local
 - More emphasis on program, system and regional benefits;
 - Less emphasis on individual project benefits
- More emphasis on multi-dimensional benefits
- Changing focus
 - HQs focus on capital decisions, future revenue, funding strategy
 - Field will have more influence over funding for execution



Example Goal-Based Budgeting for Navigation

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Goal: Maintain projects to meet present and future needs

- Objective: Maintain Ports
 - PM 1 Percent time navigation channels are available to commercial users
 - high-commercial traffic (>10 mil tons @~95%?)
 - medium traffic (1-10 mil tons @~85%?)
 - PM 2 Percent project features that exceed Facilities Condition Index (FCI)
 - PM 3 O&M cost per ton cargo shipped
- *PM = Performance Measure



Communicating Outcomes

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• Budget is developed to achieve program objectives



- USACE will be able to display and communicate on a segment, system and national basis if funds budgeted and appropriated will achieve objectives
- Thru the 5-yr Plan, USACE will be able to forecast improving or worsening conditions
 - By system, region and nation
 - We will be able to forecast progress (or not) towards national goals



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Five Year Planning

Example FY08-12 Five Year Plan

- Construction Wedge, Enhanced Plan, FY08-12
 - \$2.2 bil available for <u>new starts</u> in next 5 years
 - 79 eligible projects @ \$9.5 bil
 - 131 other projects @ \$6 bil
- If past funding trends continue we have ~15%-23% of funds needed for approved projects
- But.....Few, if any, new starts projected





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Risks and Challenges

- System Objectives
- Systems Analysis
- "High Commercial Traffic" navigation channels
 and segments
- Segment focus vs Systems focus



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TRENDS TO WATCH

Continuing Pressure on Budget Entitlement Programs Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security



Cost of Infrastructure Recapitalization Improved Inspection Techniques Modern Design Standards Cost of meeting ESA and other legal requirements

Cost of Construction Fuel, Steel, Concrete Expanding worldwide demand



Stakeholder Role

- Help us learn to better communicate importance of infrastructure to the nation's economic well being, national defense and quality of life.
- Stay engaged as we examine funding sources and improve our decision processes
 - Systems objectives and benefits
 - Future planning for riverine and coastal systems
 - Measurement
- Support system, regional and national needs as well as project needs

