



## Director of Civil Works Partner Update

### Happy Holidays from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Team

Dear Valued Partner,

I hope this message finds you safe and healthy as we close out 2020: a year for the ages! Our pursuit to Revolutionize the way we do business by accelerating project delivery, enhancing operation and maintenance of our nation's infrastructure and collaborating with partners (like you) to solve the nation's toughest challenges is relentless.

Heading into 2021, we are updating our activities for Revolutionize U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works (USACE CW) based on our recent strategic workshop with Headquarters and Division leaders and input from you.

USACE CW and our partners have been busy working to deliver projects across the nation and I want to take a moment to highlight some important efforts below.



#### Revolutionize USACE CW Partner Webinars:

We will be hosting webinars to provide a more in-depth update on Revolutionize USACE CW and to hear from our partners about what activities you would like us to pursue in this upcoming year. These webinars will be held from 1:00 p.m.– 2:30 p.m. eastern time on February 2 and 5, 2021. Information on how to join the webinars is available [HERE](#). Note: The webinars will cover the same content; therefore, there is no need to attend both sessions.



#### Corps Water Infrastructure Financing Program authorized by WIFIA:

USACE continues to develop our Federal loan program (similar to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) and the Department of Transportation's Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act programs) for water infrastructure. The Senate version of the Fiscal Year 2021 Energy and Water appropriations bill recently included funds for the program with a focus on projects to maintain, upgrade and repair dams identified in the National Inventory of Dams owned by non-Federal entities. If funds are appropriated, USACE will work closely with the EPA to coordinate resources for implementation of this critical program, and to implement the program on an expedited timeline.

For more information on CWIFP, [CLICK HERE](#).

### **Nationwide Permits (NWP):**

USACE issues nationwide permits (NWPs) to authorize specific categories of activities in jurisdictional waters and wetlands that have no more than minimal individual and cumulative adverse environmental effects. The proposed rule to reissue all 52 NWPs was published in the Federal Register on September 15, 2020 and can be found [HERE](#).

Public comments were received through November 16, 2020 and USACE is working with the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) to address these comments and publish the final rule in early 2021.



### **Inside the Castle Podcast:**

The Revolutionize USACE CW team has launched a podcast titled "Inside the Castle."

The podcast goes behind castle doors to highlight how the USACE is working to solve some of the nation's toughest challenges.

Check out the podcast at Apple Podcast [HERE](#).

### **NEPA Modernization:**

The new National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations developed by the Council of Environmental Quality became effective on September 14, 2020 and more information can be found [HERE](#)

USACE is working with the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) to update our related implementing regulations and associated guidance documents. The Regulation updates will go through rule making and should be released for public review and comment as soon as possible.



### **Public Private Partnership (P3) Program:**

USACE continues to look for new projects for the P3 Pilot Program and encourages our partners to submit proposals for consideration. [CLICK HERE](#) for information on how to submit a proposal or to find out more about our program.

The P3 program reached an important milestone in November 2020 for one of the three pilot projects in the program. The Port of Brownsville, working with the NextDecade Corporation, has selected a contractor to perform essential improvements to the Brownsville Ship Channel (Phase 1 of this P3 pilot project).

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We never take your support for granted and we look forward to your candid feedback on activities that we should take on in the new year as we rally for revolutionary change across Civil Works. Continuous and transparent communication across USACE, throughout our regional and local offices, and with you is essential as we work together to achieve high value outcomes. A feedback form can be found [HERE](#).

Please feel free to reach out to our Revolutionize USACE Civil Works Team if you would like additional information or to have a team member participate in an upcoming meeting. If you want to add additional staff or to be removed from this email distribution list, send an email to our team at [CW.Infrastructure.Team@usace.army.mil](mailto:CW.Infrastructure.Team@usace.army.mil).

If you have any questions, please contact us via email or call our Revolutionize USACE Civil Works Strategic Communication Team, Ms. Lauren Leuck, at 303-963-4522, or Ms. Angela Freyermuth, at 309-912-0192.

Thank you again for your continued support as we Revolutionize USACE Civil Works.

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