INFORMATION SESSION

PREPARING AND SUBMITTING PROPOSALS FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS ON FUTURE WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (WRRDA SECTION 7001)

Lisa Kiefel
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, HQ
31 July 2018
OVERVIEW

• Context
• WRRDA 7001 Report to Congress
• Criteria for Inclusion in the Report
• What it means to be in the Report (and what it doesn’t mean)
• 2018 Deadlines & More Info
To initiate a **study** or **project** it must have an:

Authorization

AND

Appropriation
ANNUAL REPORT ON FUTURE WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

Report established by WRRDA 2014, Section 7001

- Identifies proposals for new study authorizations, new project authorizations, and modifications to existing project or feasibility study authorities
- Based, in part, on annual requests from non-Federal interests
- ASA(CW) certifies proposals meet five WRRDA criteria
- Proposals that don’t meet criteria are included in an appendix
CRITERIA FOR INCLUSION IN THE REPORT ESTABLISHED BY CONGRESS

1. Proposed studies and modifications are related to USACE missions and authorities
2. Require specific congressional authorization
3. Have not been congressionally authorized
4. Have not been included in the main table of a previous annual report
5. If authorized could be carried out by USACE
CRITERIA FOR INCLUSION OF A NEW OR MODIFIED STUDY OR PROJECT

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

- USACE primary missions are navigation, flood risk management, and aquatic ecosystem restoration. Recreation, hydropower and/or water supply 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.
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 Appendix

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.

The Report – and appendix – are posted publicly. Projects in the appendix may be revised/resubmitted in future years.
PROPOSAL PROCESS

• FR Notice published in April and posted on HQUSACE website
• Online submission form for proposals – **Deadline is 20 August**
• USACE continues to incorporate lessons each year to ensure an inclusive and expansive approach and transparency in decision making
Top of page with general information and links to other resources, including Federal Register Notice.
INSTRUCTIONS ON PREPARING AND SUBMITTING PROPOSALS

Preparing and Submitting a Proposal

Submit proposals online at www.wrda7001proposals.us. Proposals must be received by 20 August 2018.

Submit one form for each study or modification to a study or project having 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 (PDF).
3. The name of all non-Federal interests planning to act as the sponsor(s), 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 or a modification to an authorized USACE water resources development project or feasibility study.
6. If the proposal is for a modification, the name of the authorized study or project must be specified.
7. State the specific project purpose(s) of the proposed study or modification.
8. 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.
9. 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; improvement to transportation; the national economy; the environment; or the national security interests of the United States.
10. Describe local support for the proposal.
11. 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

Information 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)
ANNUAL TIMELINE

Proposal Process
– Federal Register Notice: Request for Proposals – 20 April 2018
– Public Webinar - 31 July 2PM ET
– Collection of Proposals - 120 Days (20 August 2018)

Evaluation of Proposals –7001 Criteria
– Corps & OASA(CW) – August through January

Report to Congress - Planned: 1 February 2019
PUBLISHING THE REPORT TO CONGRESS


Links to past Annual Reports and the last year’s proposals
AN IMPORTANT NOTE

• Inclusion in the Report does not provide authorization or appropriation for a study or project
• The Report does not replace the new start selection process for studies or projects
• The Report does not prioritize studies or projects
WHAT HAPPENS WITH THE REPORT?

It’s up to Congress
QUESTIONS?

For more information, visit us online at:
www.usace.army.mil

Or contact Lisa Kiefel, HQUSACE
wrrda7001proposal@usace.army.mil