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Support for Others Program

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The Corps of Engineers has the authority to provide reimbursable specialized or technical services to other federal agencies, as well as to states, local units of government or Indian Tribes. The objective of this program is to identify and match engineering and related service capabilities of the Corps with the evolving needs of American society. The Support for Others Program provides the Corps with opportunities to serve the nation and enhance its capability to accomplish its assigned missions.

The design, engineering and management capabilities in the Corps can complement the expertise of other agencies in implementing their responsibilities. Agencies may lack the specific technical capability necessary to execute the engineering aspects of their mission. Additionally, other agencies may not have the capability to effectively manage engineering or construction contracts with private firms. The Corps can often help fill these voids.

Conditions Under Which the Corps Can Provide Services

- Requested services must be similar to those the Corps is already providing for its own use;
- Recognition that the client agency or unit retains responsibility for program planning, development, budgetary justification and legal liability;
- Requested services will not be provided if they require any additions of staff or involve outlays for additional equipment or other facilities unless those costs are charged to the user;
- And, as a general principle, the Corps would recover all applicable costs for the Support for Others work. A brief interagency agreement would be drawn up for signature by the requesting agency and the Corps.

Limitations for Non-federal Agencies

Before the Corps can support state and local governments, the requesting government must certify that it cannot obtain the services reasonably and expeditiously from private firms. The technical services that may be provided include studies and planning activities, engineering and design (including plans and specifications), construction management assistance and training. Construction management assistance is limited to technical advice to improve state or local management capability in contract preparation, negotiation and evaluation; contract administration; quality assurance; and supervision and inspection. The Corps may not acquire real estate nor can it serve as the contracting officer for project construction for a state or local government. For non-federal reimbursable work, funds must be on deposit with the U.S. Treasury in advance of performing the work.

How to Request Services

The request for work must be in writing. This request and any inquiries concerning the Support for Others Program should be made directly to:

St. Paul District, Corps of Engineers

ATTN: Project Management and Development Branch

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