



## A Message from the Director of Civil Works

### Partner Update

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Dear Valued Partner,

Over the past few months, I have been working with leaders within USACE, and alongside the Administration and other Federal agencies, to advance key water resource programs and projects. I have highlighted some of these key efforts below:



#### President's Fiscal Year 2022 Budget

In late May, the Biden-Harris Administration submitted the President's Fiscal Year 2022 Budget to Congress. This budget aims to make historic investments that will help the country build back better and lay the foundation for shared growth and prosperity for decades to come. The Army Civil Works FY 2022 Budget is the highest annual budget ever requested for the Civil Works program and focuses on investments that yield high economic and environmental returns. The proposed budget seeks to increase climate resilience and promote environmental justice and equity in disadvantaged communities.

To read more about the FY 2022 Budget [CLICK HERE](#).



#### First Public-Private Partnership (P3) Contactor Selection

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Area Flood Risk Management Project in Fargo, North Dakota and Moorhead, Minnesota, is the first Public-Private Project (P3) in recent USACE history. In mid-June, the Metro Flood Diversion Authority announced the selection of the Red River Valley Alliance, a consortium of private companies, to execute the project designed to provide reliable flood risk reduction to the Fargo-Moorhead metro area and their 230,000 residents by the spring of 2027. Compared to traditional construction

delivery, this first P3 project will save an estimated \$330M and 10 years.

*“The implementation of this project using a public-private partnership provides proof of concept and represents a new era in community-based infrastructure investment.”*

**- Lt. Gen. Scott Spellmon, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Commanding General**



### Nominate Your P3 Projects Today!

USACE Civil Works is requesting input on conceptual P3 delivery of specific USACE Civil Works projects. Project nominations will be accepted for USACE authorized or likely-to-be authorized projects.

Additional information can be found [HERE](#).

### USACE to Take a Closer Look at Beneficial Use of Dredge Material

USACE has a long track record of using dredged sediment to achieve additional benefits beyond simply improving our channels and waterways. Beneficial use of dredged material supports climate resilience which is a focus of our “Engineering with Nature” initiative and can provide habitat for fish and wildlife. Beneficial use can also provide a social value to enhance the resilience of communities and vulnerable/underserved populations. USACE is actively taking a closer look at solving the challenges of budget constraints, Federal Standard requirements, and State policies/regulations to identify additional opportunities to use our valuable dredged material for beneficial purposes and reduce overall costs to maintain our waterways.



### Go Behind Castle Doors...

Learn more about USACE and how we are developing innovative solutions to solve our Nation’s toughest challenges by listening to the ‘Inside the Castle’ podcast. New episodes are posted every Wednesday! Inside the Castle can be found on your favorite podcast platform by simply searching ‘Inside the Castle’ and looking for our logo.

### Partner Listening Sessions

Continuous and transparent communication across our USACE enterprise and with you, our partners, is essential to maintaining our strong working relationship built on trust and shared understanding.

**“Save the Date”**

2021 Virtual Revolutionize USACE Civil Works  
Partner Listening Session  
November 4, 2021 from 1-4 p.m. Eastern Time  
*(More information about this event will be forthcoming)*