DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Army Corps of Engineers

Request for Information on Conceptual Public Private Partnership (P3) Delivery of Specific U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Projects

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice; request for information.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) has directed the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to establish a Public Private Partnership (P3) pilot program with the goals of demonstrating the viability of new delivery methods that can significantly reduce the cost and time of project delivery. The Corps is to identify up to 10 additional P3 pilot projects and has been provided guidance on the screening and selection criteria.

DATES: Information must be submitted to Headquarters U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on or before April 2, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may submit information by any of the following methods:
- Email: CW.Infrastructure.Team@usace.army.mil

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Aaron Snyder, USACE Infrastructure Funding and Financing Lead, at 651–290–5489, or email: aaron.m.snyder@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To develop the pilot program and identify up to 10 additional P3 pilot projects, information will need to be submitted based on the initial screening and selection criteria. The Corps will use a matrix to evaluate the project information that will be the basis for coordination and discussions for possible development of P3 delivery of specific U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works projects. Submitters are encouraged, but not required, to coordinate with the local Corps of Engineers District prior to providing information for this request. The criteria are as follows:

Initial Screening Criteria

1. Project Name.
2. Project Location.
3. Statement of support from non-Federal sponsor, or likely non-Federal sponsor.
4. Identification of additional non-Federal sources.
5. The type of project (i.e., Flood Risk Management, Ecosystem Restoration, Navigation, etc).
6. The authority that authorized the project.
7. Clear and concise description providing a thorough understanding of the project.
8. Anticipated activities included in the proposed P3 (i.e., design, build, finance, operate and maintain).
9. Project carried out under the P3 pilot program will be subject to cost-sharing requirements included in the project authorization. The USACE intends to conduct follow up discussions and coordination with interested parties to gain a better understanding of the P3 proposals, understand obstacles to implementation and to inform project selection.

Existing Challenges

Significant research and analysis has been completed to date on the challenges facing the use of P3 projects on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Projects, particularly projects that are owned and operated by USACE. Reports documenting some of this information can be found at: https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Infrastructure/Infra_P3_program/ and should be considered when providing a response to this request. The report from the Harvard Kennedy School, citation below, can be used as a resource for information.


Key known challenges are: (1) Inability to collect, retain and reinvest fees; (2) inability to make commitments on future appropriations; and (3) enabling framework and authorities to implement P3 projects. The Corps has explored options for utilization of P3 on Federally owned assets to include the navigation system and hydropower, both of which have existing challenges pertaining to authorities and budget scoring. These challenges should be considered and understood when providing a response to this request.

Entities Submitting Information on a Project Must Include the Following Information

1. Project Name.
2. Project Location.
3. Name of the project sponsor.
4. Statement of support from non-Federal sponsor, or likely non-Federal sponsor.
5. The type of project (i.e., Flood Risk Management, Ecosystem Restoration, Navigation, etc).
6. The authority that authorized the project.
7. Clearly identify if existing authorities are sufficient to allow the P3 to be completed (State and Federal).
8. Identification of additional authorities necessary to carry out the project as a P3.
9. The investment size of the project (i.e., $70,000,000).
10. Anticipated activities included in the proposed P3 (i.e., design, build, finance, operate and maintain).
11. Anticipated revenue sources for funding the P3 component of the project.
12. Ability to leverage non-Federal funding sources.
13. Expected impact on the project delivery schedule and costs.
14. A qualitative assessment demonstrating that the P3 will deliver the project faster and/or more cost effectively than traditional delivery.
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Student Assistance General Provisions—Annual Fire Safety Report

AGENCY: Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection. Respondents/Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments; Private Sector.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 4,310.
Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 4,313.

Abstract: The Department of Education regulations at 34 CFR 668.49 require institutions to collect statistics on fires occurring in on-campus student housing facilities, including the number and cause of each fire, the number of injuries related to each fire that required treatment at a medical facility, the number of deaths related to each fire, and the value of property damage caused by each fire. Institution must also publish an annual fire safety report containing the institution’s policies regarding fire safety and the fire statistics information. Further institutions are required to maintain a fire log that records the date, time, nature, and general location of each fire in on-campus student housing facilities.

This request is to extend the current approval of reporting requirements contained in the regulations. The collection requirements in the regulations are necessary to meet institutional information reporting to students and staff as well as for reporting to Congress through the Secretary.


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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; Education Innovation and Research (EIR) Program—Expansion Grants

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (Department) is issuing a notice inviting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2019 for the EIR program—Expansion Grants, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number 84.411A (Expansion Grants).


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