

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:

- *Mail:* Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Directorate of Civil Works, Infrastructure Team, Attn: John Coho 3F65, 441 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20314.
- *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) The P3 proposal:
 - (a) Has a construction cost in excess of \$50 million;
 - (b) Has non-Federal sponsor support;
 - (c) Includes design, build, finance, operation and maintenance (DBFOM) or

some combination thereof for Federally authorized projects;

- (d) Accelerates project delivery; and
- (e) Has the ability to generate revenue or leverage non-Federal funding sources.

(2) Existing authorities are sufficient to allow the P3 project to be completed.

(3) A qualitative assessment demonstrating that the P3 will deliver the project faster and/or more cost effectively than traditional delivery.

Selection Criteria

(1) Return on Federal Investment.

(a) P3 project proposals will be evaluated and ranked on the basis of Return on Federal Investment (ROFI). ROFI will be calculated by annualizing the total project benefits and Federal costs utilizing the current discount rate, and applying the formula: $(\text{Benefits} - \text{Federal Costs}) / (\text{Federal Costs})$.

(b) For any P3 project where it has been determined that a reduction in the non-Federal share is warranted with authority provided in 33 U.S.C. 2213, the ROFI calculation will be adjusted to account for those modifications and address concerns pertaining to equity.

(2) *Replicability:* Project proposals that are replicable, meaning the proposed P3 structure or underlying concepts may be applied to other prospective projects.

(3) *Reliable Funding Sources:* Reliable non-Federal funding sources for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of Federally authorized water resource projects are identified.

(4) *Risk Allocation:* Project effectively allocates delivery and performance risk to non-Federal entities and minimizes Federal direct and contingent liabilities associated with the project.

The USACE has developed implementation guidance that will guide the development, coordination, and selections for this P3 pilot program. That implementation guidance and other relevant information can be obtained at: https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Infrastructure/Infra_P3_program/.

Projects carried out under the P3 pilot program will be subject to the 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.

Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation. (2017). *Tapping Private Financing and Delivery to Modernize America's Federal Water Resources*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard Kennedy School.

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.

15. Anticipated Return on Federal Investment. ROFI will be calculated by annualizing the total project benefits and Federal costs utilizing the current discount rate, and applying the formula: $(\text{Benefits} - \text{Federal Costs}) / (\text{Federal Costs})$.

16. Statement on replicability and how this approach may be applied to other prospective projects.

17. Statement on risk allocation and how this approach will effectively allocate delivery and performance risk to non-Federal entities and minimize Federal direct and contingent liabilities associated with the project.

18. Socioeconomic information to address concerns of equity which include: Population Benefited, Number of existing jobs in benefited area, Median Family Income, Unemployment Rate, and trends on population growth.

Although not required as part of the submittal the Corps is interested in gathering input on how equity issues can be addressed as part of the P3 program development. This could include means, methods, analysis, or other modifiers that could allow for an equitable distribution of projects.

Dated: January 29, 2019.

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USACE Infrastructure Team, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2018-ICCD-0118]

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.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 4, 2019.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2018-ICCD-0118. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at [http://](http://www.regulations.gov)

www.regulations.gov by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the www.regulations.gov site is not available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 550 12th Street SW, PCP, Room 9086, Washington, DC 20202-0023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Beth Grebeldinger, 202-377-4018.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Student Assistance General Provisions—Annual Fire Safety Report.

OMB Control Number: 1845-0097.

Type of Review: 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. Institutions 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.

Dated: January 28, 2019.

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Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Program, Information Management Branch, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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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).

DATES:

Applications Available: February 4, 2019.

Deadline for Notice of Intent to Apply: February 21, 2019.