

the *Process for Filling MRRIC Stakeholder Vacancies* document (www.MRRIC.org). The Corps is responsible for appointing stakeholder members. The Corps will consider applications using the following criteria:

- Ability to commit the time required.
- Commitment to make a good faith (as defined in the Charter) effort to seek balanced solutions that address multiple interests and concerns.

- Agreement to support and adhere to the approved MRRIC Charter and Operating Procedures.

- Demonstration of a formal designation or endorsement by an organization, local government, or constituency as its preferred representative.

- Demonstration of an established communication network to keep constituents informed and efficiently seek their input when needed.

- Agreement to participate in collaboration training as a condition of membership.

All applicants will be notified in writing as to the final decision about their application.

Certification. I hereby certify that the establishment of the MRRIC is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Corps by the Endangered Species Act and other statutes.

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Brigadier General, USA, Commanding.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Proposals by Non-Federal Interests for Feasibility Studies, Proposed Modifications to Authorized Water Resources Development Projects and Feasibility Studies, and Proposed Modifications for an Environmental Infrastructure Program for Inclusion in the Annual Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Section 7001 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) of 2014, as amended, requires that the Secretary of the Army annually submit to the Congress a report (Annual Report) that identifies feasibility reports, proposed feasibility studies submitted by non-Federal interests, proposed modifications to authorized water

resources development projects or feasibility studies, and proposed modifications to environmental infrastructure program authorities that meet certain criteria. The Annual Report is to be based, in part, upon requests for proposals submitted by non-Federal interests.

DATES: Proposals must be submitted by 28 August 2023.

ADDRESSES: Submit proposals by emailing the completed proposal form to WRRDA7001Proposal@usace.army.mil. The proposal form can be found at <https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Project-Planning/WRRDA-7001-Proposals/>. If a different method of submission is required, use the further information below to arrange an alternative submission process.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Send an email to the help desk at WRRDA7001Proposal@usace.army.mil or call Stuart McLean, Planning and Policy Division, Headquarters, USACE, Washington, DC at 202-761-4931.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 7001 of WRRDA 2014 (33 U.S.C. 2282d), as amended, requires the publication of a notice in the **Federal Register** annually to request proposals by non-Federal interests for feasibility studies, modifications to authorized USACE water resources development projects or feasibility studies, and modifications to environmental infrastructure program authorities. Project feasibility reports that have signed Chief's Reports but have not been authorized will be included in the Annual Report table by the Secretary of the Army and these proposals do not need to be submitted in response to this notice.

Proposals by non-Federal interests must be emailed and require the following information:

1. The name of the non-Federal interest, or all non-Federal interests in the case of a modification to an environmental infrastructure program authority, including any non-Federal interest that has contributed to or is expected to contribute toward the non-Federal share of the proposed feasibility study, project modification or environmental infrastructure program.

2. State if this proposal is for authorization of a feasibility study, a modification to an authorized USACE water resources development project, a modification to an authorized USACE water resources feasibility study, or a modification to a USACE environmental infrastructure program authority. If a modification of an existing authority, specify the authorized water resources development project, study, or

environmental infrastructure program authority that is proposed for modification.

3. State the specific project purpose(s) of the proposed study or modification.

4. 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.

5. 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, regional, or local economy; the environment; or the national security interests of the United States.

6. Proposals for modifications to environmental infrastructure program authorities must also include a description of assistance provided to date and the total Federal cost of assistance provided to date.

7. Proposals for modifications to the maximum federal cost of a project being carried out pursuant to a continuing authorities program.. Proposals must include a justification of why the modification is necessary, total time and cost to complete the project, and indication of support by the non-Federal interest for the project and its cost-share requirements.

8. State if the non-Federal interest has the financial ability to provide the required cost share, reference Engineer Regulation 1105-2-100, Planning Guidance Notebook.

9. Describe if local support exists for the proposal.

10. Attach a letter or statement of support for the proposal from each associated non-Federal interest.

All provided information may be included in the Annual Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development. Therefore, information that is Confidential Business Information, information that should not be disclosed because of statutory restrictions, or other information that a non-Federal interest would not want to appear in the Annual Report should not be included.

Process: Proposals received within the time frame set forth in this notice will be reviewed by the Army and will be presented in one of two tables. The first table will be in the Annual Report itself, and the second table will be in an appendix. To be included in the Annual Report table, the proposals must meet the following five criteria:

1. Are related to the missions and authorities of the USACE; involve a

proposed or existing USACE water resources project or effort whose primary purpose is flood and storm damage reduction, commercial navigation, or aquatic ecosystem restoration, municipal or agricultural water supply. Following long-standing USACE practice, related proposals such as for recreation or hydropower, are eligible for inclusion if undertaken in conjunction with such a project or effort.

2. Require specific congressional authorization, including by an Act of Congress:

a. Requires Construction Authorization:

- Feasibility reports that have successfully passed the Tentatively Selected Plan Milestone in the USACE plan formulation process.
- Non-Federal feasibility reports submitted to the Secretary of the Army under section 203 of WRDA 1986, as amended, under Administration review.
- Proposed modifications to a specifically authorized water resources development projects requested by non-Federal interests.

- Proposed modification to the maximum cost of a project being carried out pursuant to a continuing authority program, if the proposed modification will result in completion of construction of the project and the justification for the modification is not the result of a change in the scope of the project.

- *Note:* reports that have signed Chief's Reports, but have not been authorized, will be included in the Annual Report table and these proposals do not need to be submitted in response to this notice.

b. Seeking Study Authorization:

- New feasibility studies proposed by non-Federal interests through the section 7001 of WRRDA 2014 process will be evaluated by the USACE to determine whether or not there is existing study authority, and
- Proposed modifications to studies requested by non-Federal interests through the section 7001 of WRRDA 2014 process will be evaluated by the USACE to determine whether or not there is existing study authority.

c. The following cases are NOT ELIGIBLE to be included in the Annual Report and will be included in the appendix for transparency:

- Proposals for modifications to non-Federal projects under program authorities where USACE has provided previous technical assistance. Authorization to provide technical assistance does not provide authorization of a water resources development project.

- Proposals for construction of a new water resources development project that is not the subject of a currently authorized USACE project or a complete or ongoing feasibility study.

- Proposals that do not include a request for a potential future water resources development project through completed feasibility reports, proposed feasibility studies, and proposed modifications to authorized projects or studies.

3. Have not been congressionally authorized;

4. Have not been included in the Annual Report table of any previous Annual Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development; and

- If the proposal was included in the Annual Report table in a previous Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development, then the proposal is not eligible to be included in the Annual Report table. If a proposal was previously included in an appendix, it may be re-submitted.

5. If authorized, could be carried out by the USACE.

- Whether following the USACE Chief's Report process or section 7001 of WRRDA 2014, a proposal for a project or a project modification would need a current decision document to provide updated information on the scope of the potential project and demonstrate a clear Federal interest. This determination would include an assessment of whether the proposal is:

- Technically sound, economically viable and environmentally acceptable.
- Compliant with environmental and other laws including, but not limited to, National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act, Coastal Zone Management Act, and the National Historic Preservation Act.
- Compliant with statutes and regulations related to water resources development including various water resources provisions related to the authorized cost of projects, level of detail, separable elements, fish and wildlife mitigation, project justification, matters to be addressed in planning, and the 1958 Water Supply Act.

Environmental infrastructure proposals are an exception to the criteria. To be included in the table within the Annual Report the proposal must be a modification to a project that was authorized pursuant to section 219 of WRDA 1992, as amended or must identify a programmatic modification to an environmental infrastructure assistance program and it has not been included in any previous annual report.

Feasibility study proposals submitted by non-Federal interests are for study authorization only. If Congressional authorization of a feasibility study results from inclusion in the Annual Report, it is anticipated that such authorization would be for the study, not for construction. Once a decision document is completed in accordance with Executive Branch policies and procedures, the Secretary will determine whether to recommend the project for authorization.

All USACE water resources development projects must meet certain requirements before proceeding to construction. These requirements include: (1) That the project is authorized for construction by Congress; (2) that the Secretary, or other appropriate official, has approved a current decision document; and (3) that the funds for project construction have been appropriated and are available.

Section 902 of WRDA 1986, as amended, (33 U.S.C. 2280) establishes a maximum authorized cost for projects (902 limit). A Post Authorization Change Report (PACR) is required to be completed to support potential modifications, updates to project costs, and an increase to the 902 limit. Authority to undertake a 902 study is inherent in the project authority, so no additional authority is required to proceed with the study. Since these PACRs support project modifications, they may be considered for inclusion in the Annual Report if a report's recommendation requires Congressional authorization.

The Secretary shall include in the Annual Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development a certification stating that each feasibility report, proposed feasibility study, and proposed modification to an authorized water resources development project, feasibility study, or proposed modifications to an environmental infrastructure program authority included in the Annual Report meets the criteria established in section 7001 of WRRDA 2014, as amended.

Please contact the appropriate district office or use the contact information above for assistance in researching and identifying existing authorizations and existing USACE decision documents. Those proposals that do not meet the criteria will be included in an appendix table included in the Annual Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development. Proposals in the appendix table will include a description of why

those proposals did not meet the criteria.

Michael Connor,

Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works).

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; Personnel Development To Improve Services and Results for Children With Disabilities—Personnel Preparation of Special Education, Early Intervention, and Related Services Personnel at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities, and Other Minority Serving Institutions

AGENCY: Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (Department) is issuing a notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2023 for Personnel Development to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities—Personnel Preparation of Special Education, Early Intervention, and Related Services Personnel at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities, and Other Minority Serving Institutions, Assistance Listing Number (ALN) 84.325M. This notice relates to the approved information collection under OMB control number 1820-0028.

DATES:

Applications Available: May 5, 2023.

Deadline for Transmittal of

Applications: July 14, 2023.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: September 12, 2023.

Pre-Application Webinar Information: No later than May 10, 2023, the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services will post details on pre-recorded informational webinars designed to provide technical assistance to interested applicants. Links to the webinars may be found at <https://www2.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/osep/new-osep-grants.html>.

ADDRESSES: For the addresses for obtaining and submitting an application, please refer to our Common Instructions for Applicants to Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs, published in the **Federal Register** on December 7, 2022 (87 FR 75045) and available at www.federalregister.gov/documents/

2022/12/07/2022-26554/common-instructions-for-applicants-to-department-of-education-discretionary-grant-programs. Please note that these Common Instructions supersede the version published on December 27, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tracie Dickson, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 5013, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202-5076. Telephone: 202-245-7844. Email: Tracie.Dickson@ed.gov.

If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability and wish to access telecommunications relay services, please dial 7-1-1.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The purposes of this program are to (1) help address State-identified needs for personnel preparation in special education, early intervention, related services, and regular education to work with children, including infants, toddlers, and youth with disabilities; and (2) ensure that those personnel have the necessary skills and knowledge, derived from practices that have been determined through scientifically based research, to be successful in serving those children.

Priority: This competition includes one absolute priority and, within that absolute priority, one competitive preference priority. In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(v), the absolute priority is from allowable activities specified in the statute (see sections 662 and 681 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) (20 U.S.C. 1462 and 1481)).

Absolute Priority: For FY 2023 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applications from this competition, this priority is an absolute priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3), we consider only applications that meet this priority.

This priority is:

Personnel Preparation of Special Education, Early Intervention, and Related Services Personnel at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities, and other Minority Serving Institutions.

Background:

The purpose of this priority is to prepare scholars who are fully credentialed to serve children, including infants, toddlers, and youth, with disabilities (children with disabilities). The Department is committed to promoting equity for

children with disabilities in accessing educational resources and opportunities. The Department also places a high priority on increasing the number of personnel, including increasing personnel from racially and ethnically diverse backgrounds and personnel who are multilingual, who provide services to children with disabilities. To support these goals, under this absolute priority, the Department will fund projects within Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs),¹ Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs),² and other Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs)³ that prepare special education, early intervention, and related services personnel at the bachelor's degree, certification, master's degree, educational specialist degree, or clinical doctoral degree levels to serve in a variety of settings, including natural environments (the home and community settings in which children with and without disabilities participate), early learning programs, child care, classrooms, schools, and distance learning.

Over time, the population of children receiving services under the IDEA are increasingly racially and ethnically diverse. In 2021, approximately 50 percent of infants and toddlers with disabilities, ages birth through two, were children of color; approximately 49 percent of preschool children with disabilities, ages three through five (not in kindergarten), were from racially and ethnically diverse backgrounds; while approximately 54 percent of students with disabilities, ages five (in kindergarten) through 21, were from racially and ethnically diverse backgrounds (U.S. Department of Education, 2022a).

Despite the fact that children of color make up approximately 54 percent of public school enrollment (National Center for Education Statistics, 2022), and greater than 50 percent of children receiving early intervention and special education services, results from the 2020–2021 National Teacher and

¹For purposes of this priority, “Historically Black Colleges and Universities” means colleges and universities that meet the criteria set out in 34 CFR 608.2.

²For purposes of this priority, “Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities” has the meaning ascribed to it in section 316(b)(3) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA).

³For purposes of this priority, “Minority-Serving Institution” means an institution that is eligible to receive assistance under sections 316 through 320 of part A of title III, under part B of title III, or under title V of the HEA. For purposes of this priority, the Department will use the FY 2022 Eligibility Matrix to determine MSI eligibility (see <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/ides/eligibility.html>).