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## Section 22 – Planning Assistance to States (PAS)

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### What is it?

Section 22, Planning Assistance to States (PAS) is an authority granted to the Corps of Engineers to cooperate with states and Federally recognized Native American tribes to provide planning assistance in any matters related to water resources. No design or construction is authorized under this program. Examples of services that can be performed under this authority include data collection, master drainage planning, surveying, floodplain inventories and pipe network analyses.

### Who can apply?

Any non-Federal government entity can serve as the sponsor for a Section 22 study. All it takes is a simple request to the local Corps office and a representative will discuss your problem and associated qualification requirements with you.

### What does it cost?

- All study costs are shared at a rate of 50% Federal, 50% sponsor. The sponsor may contribute 50% of their share as in-kind services.
- There is a spending cap of \$5,000,000 Federal expenditures per state or tribe per fiscal year. The Section 22 program funding fluctuates annually but cannot be funded more than \$30 million nationwide.
- All studies are subject to the availability of Federal appropriations.

### How long does it take?

PAS studies vary greatly in size and scope. Some studies can be completed in a few months from receipt of funds, while others may take a full 12 months. In some cases, multi-phased studies can be completed over the course of 2 years, subject to the availability of Federal funds.