

- Annual report submitted by the Secretary of the Army to the Congress
- Identifies completed feasibility reports, new feasibility studies and proposed project modifications for potential congressional authorization
- The report includes proposals for authorization from non-Federal interests for proposed feasibility studies and proposed modifications that require Congressional authorization for the Corps of Engineers to proceed

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: NC

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- <u>PURPOSE</u>: Section 7001 of Water Resources Reform & Development Act (WRRDA) of 2014 requires that the Secretary of the Army annually submit to the Congress a report that identifies, for potential congressional authorization, completed feasibility reports, proposed feasibility studies, and proposed modifications to authorized projects or studies that meet all the following criteria:
 - Are related to the missions and authorities of the Corps of Engineers (USACE). USACE primary missions are navigation, flood risk management, and aquatic ecosystem restoration. Recreation, hydropower and/or water supply will be considered "related" when it is performed in conjunction with one or more of the primary mission(s).
 - Require specific congressional authorization.
 - Have not been congressionally authorized.
 - Have not been included in the main table of a previous annual report.
 - If authorized could be carried out by the Corps of Engineers.

The annual Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development is to be based, in part, upon annual requests for proposals for authorization from non-Federal interests for proposed feasibility studies and proposed modifications to authorized projects or studies that require authorization for the Corps of Engineers to proceed.

Section 7001 requires that the Secretary certify that the proposals included in the annual report meet the criteria established by Congress, listed above. Any proposals that do not meet the criteria will be included in the Report's appendix. Inclusion in the Annual Report to Congress does not provide authorization or appropriation for a study or project.

PROJECT INFORMATION – Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development – Continued

2. **PREPARING AND SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL:** The next proposal period will open in May 2022 for 120 days. Check the following webpage for specific dates:

https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Project-Planning/WRRDA-7001-Proposals/

Submit one form for each study or modification to a study or project being proposed. Do not include Confidential Business Information, information whose disclosure is restricted by statute, or any other information that you would not want to appear in the Annual Report to Congress. We recommend completing the proposal form in one sitting and having all letters of support and other materials assembled before completing the form. The following information will be requested:

- Contact information for the individual/agency submitting the proposal.
- Study project / location; you'll have the option to upload a map of the study / project (PDF).
- The name of all non-Federal interests planning to act as the sponsor(s), including any non-Federal interest that has contributed to or is expected to contribute toward the non-Federal share of the proposed feasibility study or modification.
- A letter or statement of support from each associated non-Federal interest. Letters may be addressed generically to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the local Corps District office, or the Assistant Secretary of the Army of Civil Works' office. Please limit your files to a maximum of 30MB (30,000 KB) in size. Files larger than 30 MB will not be considered.
- State if this proposal is for a feasibility study or a modification to an authorized USACE water resources development project or feasibility study.
- If the proposal is for a modification, the name of the authorized study or project must be specified.
- State the specific project purpose(s) of the proposed study or modification.
- 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.
- 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 economy; the environment; or the national security interests of the United States.
- Describe local support for the proposal.
- State if the non-Federal interest has the financial ability to provide for the required cost share, reference the Planning Guidance Notebook (ER 1105-2-100).

Although additional proposal documentation may be uploaded (30MB max file size), please be sure to answer each question in the field provided. Responses should not state "refer to uploaded documents" with no other response.

 OTHER INFORMATION: Previous Reports to Congress on Future Water Resources Development are located at this address: https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Project-Planning/Legislative-Links/wrrda2014/wrrda2014_proposals/

A list of Frequently Asked Questions about Section 7001 proposals can be found at this address: https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Project-Planning/WRRDA-7001-Proposals/