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**MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND
DISTRICT COMMANDS, CHIEFS, OPERATIONS DIVISIONS**

SUBJECT: 2013 Excellence in Partnerships Award Selection

1. I am pleased to announce that the Linn County (Oregon) Parks and Recreation Department in the Portland District has been selected as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recipient of the 2013 Excellence in Partnerships Award. Linn County won the award due to their exceptional advocacy, engagement of stakeholders, and success in securing additional funding and partners who provided invaluable support to the Corps in achieving recreation and environmental stewardship mission objectives. Visitor and ranger safety have been greatly improved from actions identified in a regional recreation plan developed through the partnership. Historical management challenges are being met and mitigated with the addition of \$6.2 million in Federal Highway grant funds acquired by Linn County. The Linn County Parks and Recreation Department served as a bridge between the local community and the Corps, helping to improve relationships with our stakeholders.
2. The Excellence in Partnerships award is co-sponsored by the Corps Foundation in recognition of exceptional contributions to the recreation and environmental stewardship programs at Corps projects. The award will be presented to Linn County Parks and Recreation Department in the spring of 2014.
3. All of the following nominees made significant contributions in 2013 to their partner projects and deserve special mention: the Genesee Valley Educational Partnership (LRD), Mountain Pine Environmental and Spatial Technology Program (MVD), Carolina Traditional Archers (SAD), and Mid Valley Bass Club (SPD). I sincerely appreciate their work and your efforts to nominate these top quality partners for this significant award.
4. Please pass along my congratulations to Linn County Parks and Recreation Department as the 2013 overall winner and to all of the nominees for their many achievements! My point of contact for this award is Mr. Joel Miller, Park Ranger, Lake Sonoma, who can be reached at (707) 431-4554.


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