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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Handshake Partnership Program – Fiscal Year 2017 Invitation for Proposals

1. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is committed to continuing and building a partnership culture within our organization and recognizes that partnerships are a key component to continued successful operations.
2. The Handshake Partnership Program began in 2004 and has provided “seed money” to Corps facilities for 161 partnership projects that have engaged over 450 partners on federal lands. These projects have improved recreational opportunities and benefited environmental stewardship activities while promoting the Corps missions. Partners have contributed over \$7.5 million in volunteer hours, professional services, materials and supplies, equipment, and funds to these efforts.
3. This program provides incentive to use our partnering authorities to their fullest potential and an opportunity to compete for additional funding to further partnerships.
4. Corps project offices are invited to submit applications to obtain funding assistance to enter into partnerships with non-federal entities (i.e. Challenge Partnership Agreements) to accomplish activities which benefit recreation facilities and/or natural resources at Corps water resource development projects. Applications must be received NLT 30 September 2016.
5. The Handshake Program application instructions and application form are enclosed. More information about this program and the downloadable application form can be found on the NRM Gateway at <http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/employees/handshake/handshake.cfm>
6. POC for this effort is Mr. Allen Gwinn, NAD Partnership Advisory Committee member, (814) 658-6810.

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1. Handshake Application Instructions  
2. Handshake Program Application

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