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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEFS, OPERATIONS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
AND DISTRICT COMMANDS

SUBJECT: Request for Nominations for the 2017 Excellence in Partnerships Award
and National Volunteer Award.

1. I am pleased to request your nominations for an outstanding partner within your area of responsibility for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Excellence in Partnerships Award and outstanding volunteer(s) for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers National Volunteer Award. These awards, which are co-sponsored by the Corps Foundation, will be presented in the spring of 2018 at the award recipients' locations, in ceremonies that recognize their outstanding partnerships and service to the Corps.

2. The Excellence in Partnerships Award began in 2001 and is now in its sixteenth year recognizing exceptional contributions by a partner providing substantial support to the Corps Recreation and/or Environmental Stewardship programs. Each year, the award recipient is selected based on accomplishment of management objectives, creativity, improvements in public awareness and education, serving diverse audiences, and involvement of other partners.

3. The National Volunteer Award began in 2014, and was created to nationally recognize the extraordinary service provided by volunteers, draw attention to their vast skills and contributions, and encourage an attitude of stewardship and responsibility in caring for Corps lands, facilities, and resources. The intent of the award is to distinguish those individuals, couples/family units who give their skills, talents, and time beyond the normal call of duty and whose creditable service to the Corps has resulted in the significant enhancement to one or more of the Corps business lines.

4. Nominations must be routed through each District to the MSC. Each MSC recreation/stewardship business line manager will electronically forward nomination packages assembled in accordance with the enclosed criteria and instructions to Mrs. Taylor Saia, CESPCK-CO-SE, no later than 15 December 2017. A selection committee will review the nominations and provide me with recommendations for final selection.

5. More information about these awards can be found on the NRM Gateway at <https://corpslakes.erdcdren.mil/partners/awards.cfm>.

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6. The POC for this activity is Mrs. Taylor Saia, SPD Partnership Advisory Committee member, who can be reached via e-mail at taylor.q.saia@usace.army.mil or phone at 209-772-1343.



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