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

SUBJECT: Request for Nominations for the American Recreation Coalition's 2018 Legends and Beacon Awards.

1. The American Recreation Coalition wishes to honor an outstanding U.S. Army Corps of Engineers employee with the American Recreation Coalition (ARC) Legends Award. This award is presented annually to recognize an outstanding individual for his/her significant contributions to the enhancement of outdoor recreation resources, facilities and experiences on the nation's public lands.
2. The ARC also wishes to recognize the innovative use of technology to enhance visitor services and improve the management of recreation programs with the ARC Beacon Award. Each recreation-related federal agency is asked to nominate outstanding initiatives where technologies have provided improved, cost-effective solutions for recreation programs.
3. A special panel from the ARC will make the final selection of the Legends and Beacon Awards. Award winners will be recognized at a special ceremony in Washington, D.C. during the Partners Outdoors Conference (30 and 31 May, 2018). Salary, travel and per diem costs to attend the ceremony and conference are the responsibility of the home project or district. Conference approvals for attendees must be coordinated through the awardee's District and Division Commanders in accordance with USACE Conference Policy dated 22 December 2016.
4. Nominations will be evaluated based on the enclosed selection criteria (Enclosures 1 and 3). Please submit nominations through your Division office (one nomination per Major Subordinate Command may be forwarded to HQUSACE for each award) not later than 16 April 2018. The Legends Award nomination package should describe the significant personal contributions the nominee has made enabling others to enjoy quality recreational experiences in our great outdoors, and the Beacon Award nomination should describe the innovative use of technology in visitor services and/or recreation management.

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5. Major Subordinate Commands should forward their nominations along with supporting documentation as described in Enclosures 2 and 4, to Ms. Heather Burke, National Senior Policy Advisor for Partnerships. She is my point of contact and may be reached at (503) 808-4313.

6. Nomination packages of past winners are posted on the Natural Resources Management Gateway <https://corpslakes.erd.dren.mil/partners/award-arc.cfm> and provide good examples of the quality of work and achievements recognized since the development of this award program.

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**American Recreation Coalition
Legends Award**

Purpose and Selection Criteria

The American Recreation Coalition annually recognizes one individual from each major recreation-related federal agency, usually during Great Outdoors Month, held in June in Washington, D.C. The awards are presented to recognize extraordinary individual efforts that have expanded and enhanced recreational opportunities, connecting people—especially children—and the outdoors, through public/private partnerships, or have increased participation in outdoor recreation through innovative programs based upon public/private partnerships. Selection of the agency recipient is the responsibility of each participating agency. Award criteria include:

- 1) Quantifiable improvements in either:
 - a) recreation opportunities (services and/or facilities); **or (do not include both)**
 - b) participation in recreation by one or more categories of the American public, especially young people, labeled “non-traditional visitors.”Maximum points: 30
- 2) Reliance upon partnerships with for-profit and nonprofit organizations in the private sector.
Maximum points: 30
- 3) Use of creative solutions and programs, and demonstrated efforts to share news of creative solutions within the agency.
Maximum points: 20
- 4) Community support for the work of this individual, as reflected in awards, roles on community boards and committees, etc.
Maximum points: 20

The Legends Award recognition ceremony will take place during a special function featuring key senior officials from each of the agencies during the Partners Outdoors Conference (May 30-31, 2018).

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Supporting Documentation

Nominations will be evaluated on the basis of content that should concisely describe specific accomplishments.

To assist with the evaluation process and award presentation, the following must be included with the nomination submission:

1. A four-page (maximum) description of the nominee's achievements. Margins will be 1-inch and print type will be Arial, 12 point.
2. A summary of achievements/proposed citation that will be read at the award ceremony.
3. A color, digital photograph of the nominee in high resolution (300 dpi or higher) suitable for publication and use on the framed award.

The entire nomination package will not exceed five pages.

Nomination package and supporting MSC documentation will be submitted electronically by the MSC business line managers NLT 16 April 2018 to heather.d.burke@usace.army.mil.

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Purpose and Selection Criteria

During Great Outdoors Week 2005, the American Recreation Coalition (ARC) awarded two initial Beacon Awards recognizing innovative use of technology in visitor services and recreation management. These awards implemented a recommendation of the Partners Outdoors 2005 session, where participants felt that a new awards program, jointly administered by ARC and federal agencies hosting more than a billion recreation visits annually, would encourage experimentation with and use of new technologies and alternative communications channels to enhance the experiences of visitors, especially young people and "non-traditional" visitors, and improve recreation program management.

Recreation-related federal agencies may nominate outstanding initiatives where new technologies provide improved, cost-effective solutions to recreation program needs. Selection of the agency nominees is the responsibility of each participating agency; final selection of honorees will be done by a special panel assembled by ARC.

Award criteria include:

- 1) Innovation in either:
 - a) use of technology for visitor services; **or (do not include both)**
 - b) use of technology for recreation managementMaximum points: 50
- 2) Partnerships with for-profit and nonprofit organizations in the private sector.
Maximum points: 20
- 3) Efforts to share news of creative solutions within the agency.
Maximum points: 15
- 4) Community support for the work of this individual, as reflected in awards, roles on community boards and committees, etc.
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Nominations will be evaluated on the basis of content that should concisely describe specific accomplishments as described in Enclosure 3.

To assist with the evaluation process and award presentation, the following must be included with the nomination submission:

1. A three-page (maximum) description of the nominee's achievements. Margins will be 1-inch and print type will be Arial, 12 point.
2. A proposed summary of achievements/citation that will be read at the award ceremony.

The entire nomination package will not exceed four pages.

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