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

SUBJECT: Request for Nominations for the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable 2020
Legends and Beacon Awards.

1. The Outdoor Recreation Roundtable (ORR) wishes to honor an outstanding U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) employee with the ORR 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 ORR also wishes to recognize an individual from the public or private sector with the ORR Beacon Award. This award is presented annually to individuals leading the way on innovative partnerships, technologies or projects that improve recreation access, infrastructure, or funding solutions to recreation program needs. The nominees for this award may be USACE employees and/or partners of USACE.
3. The USACE Legends awardee will be selected by a panel from Headquarters (HQ) USACE. A panel from the ORR will make the final selection of the Beacon Award winners. Award winners will be recognized at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. during the Partners Outdoors Conference on 10 June 2020. 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.
4. Nominations will be evaluated based on the enclosed selection criteria. Please submit nominations through your Division office (one per Division may be forwarded to HQUSACE for each award) not later than 31 March 2020 to the point of contact Heather Burke, National Senior Policy Advisor for Partnerships, at (503) 808-4313.

2 Encls

1. Legends Criteria
2. Beacon Criteria

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THOMAS P. SMITH, P.E.

Chief, Operations and Regulatory Division
Directorate of Civil Works

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Enclosure 1
Outdoor Recreation Roundtable Legends Award

The ORR annually recognizes **one individual from each major recreation-related federal agency**, usually during Great Outdoors Month – 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.”
- 2) Reliance upon partnerships with for-profit and nonprofit organizations in the private sector.
- 3) Use of creative solutions and programs, and demonstrated efforts to share news of creative solutions within the agency.
- 4) Community support for the work of this individual, as reflected in awards, roles on community boards and committees, etc.

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.

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 to heather.d.burke@usace.army.mil no later than 31 March 2020.

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Enclosure 2
Outdoor Recreation Roundtable Beacon Award

The American Recreation Coalition awarded the first two Beacon Awards recognizing innovative use of technology in visitor services and recreation management during Great Outdoors Week 2005. This award was the result of a recommendation of the Partners Outdoors committee who felt that a new awards program, jointly administered by ORR (then the American Recreation Coalition) and federal agencies would encourage experimentation with and use of new technologies to enhance the experiences of visitors and improve recreation program management. This award has evolved over the years to recognize an **individual from the public or private sector** leading the way on innovative partnerships, technologies or projects that improve recreation access, infrastructure or funding solutions to recreation program needs.

Nominations will be accepted from the Partners Outdoors Committee and a final selection of honorees will be chosen by ORR. Award criteria include:

- 1) Innovation in either:
 - a) partnerships
 - b) technologies, or
 - c) projects that improve recreation access, infrastructure or funding solutions to recreation program needs
- 2) Partnerships with federal, for-profit and nonprofit organizations.
- 3) Efforts to share news of creative solutions with agencies or partners.
- 4) Community support for the work of this initiative, as reflected in awards, community boards and committees, etc.

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 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. Nomination package and supporting MSC documentation will be submitted electronically by the MSC business line managers to heather.d.burke@usace.army.mil no later than 31 March 2020.