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

SUBJECT: Request for Nominations for the 2024 Excellence in Partnerships Award  
and National Volunteer of the Year Award.

1. I am pleased to request your nominations for an outstanding partner for the Corps of Engineers Excellence in Partnerships Award and outstanding volunteer(s) for the Corps of Engineers National Volunteer of the Year Award. These awards will be presented in 2025 at the award recipients' locations.
2. The Excellence in Partnerships Award recognizes exceptional contributions by a partner supporting the Recreation and/or Environmental Stewardship programs. The award recipient is selected based on accomplishment of management objectives, improvements in public awareness/education, serving diverse audiences, and involvement of other partners.
3. The National Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes the extraordinary service provided by our outstanding volunteers. The award distinguishes individuals and/or couples/families who give their talents and time beyond the normal call of duty whose service to the Corps resulted in the significant enhancement to one or more of the Corps business lines.
4. Nomination packages must be routed through each District to the Major Subordinate Command (MSC) and electronically forwarded in accordance with the enclosed criteria and instructions to Francis Ferrell, CESAW-OP-LRF, no later than 29 November 2024. A selection committee will review the nominations and provide me with recommendations for final selection.
5. More information, visit:  
<https://corpslakes.erdc.dren.mil/partners/awards.cfm>
6. The point of contact for this activity is Heather Burke, National Partnership Program Manager, who can be reached at [heather.d.burke@usace.army.mil](mailto:heather.d.burke@usace.army.mil) or 503-808-4313.

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