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10 MAR 2015

MEMORANDUM FOR

Commander, Fort Worth District
Commander, Galveston District
Commander, Little Rock District
Commander, Tulsa District

SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority under Section 213(a) of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2000

1. References:

a. Water Resources Development Act of 2000, Section 213(a)

b. Memorandum, CECW-O, 4 February 2015, Subject: Delegation of Authority under Section 213(a) of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2000 (Encl).

2. The Secretary of the Army has delegated the authority to enter into WRDA 2000, section 213(a) cooperative agreements, to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works (ASA(CW)), who then re-delegated the authority to the Deputy Commanding General for Civil and Emergency Operations (DCG-CEO). On 4 February 2015, the DCG-CEO re-delegated this authority to all MSC Commanders. Section 213(a) authorizes the USACE to enter into cooperative agreements with non-Federal public and nonprofit entities for services relating to natural resources conservation or recreation management to further training and educational opportunities at USACE Civil Works projects.

3. Subject to the provisions in section 213(a), I hereby delegate to you the responsibility and authority to enter into cooperative agreements with non-Federal public and nonprofit entities for natural resources conservation and recreation management at USACE Civil Works projects. This authority cannot be delegated any lower.

4. This re-delegation will not take effect until a record copy of this memo has been provided from SWD through the DCG-CEO's office to the ASA (CW) for archiving. Should conditions warrant, you will suspend the use of and/or rescind any re-delegation of this authority, as appropriate.

5. Upon receiving delegated authority, the Fort Worth District, in cooperation with the Natural Resources Management Branch, HQUSACE, will begin action to prepare a National cooperative agreement with a nonprofit organization to further training and educational opportunities to provide natural resources conservation and recreation management services at USACE Civil Works projects nationwide. All Divisions and

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Districts with delegated section 213(a) authority will be able to use this National agreement. Specific administrative procedures to obtain such services will be provided upon the award of the National agreement.

6. In addition to the National Cooperative Agreement, this delegated authority will allow your District to enter into separate agreements with other qualifying section 213(a) non-Federal public and nonprofit entities to further training and educational opportunities for services relating to natural resources conservation or recreation management at USACE Civil Works projects. For each instrument awarded pursuant to this delegation, the Districts shall ensure the following documents are part of the agreement and supporting file:

a. A memorandum documenting the basis for use of these authorities and the instrument's compliance with DoD Directive 3210.06, Defense Grant and Agreement Regulatory System.

b. All cooperative agreements must use the standard OMB forms for assistance, budget and assurances (i.e., SF 424, 424A and 424B) and include a certificate of authority from the applicant's attorney; a certification regarding Environmental Tobacco Smoke; a certification regarding Lobbying, Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements.

c. A record of legal review by USACE District Counsel before solicitation and award.

d. Documentation that the award was signed by an authorized grants officer.

7. Each District must submit their first agreement to SWD for review and concurrence prior to execution. This will facilitate establishing a standard for all future agreements to be executed at the District level.

8. An annual report of all cooperative agreements executed each fiscal year shall be sent to the SWD Chief of Operations by 1 November of each year. SWD will summarize and submit the MSC report to the HQUSACE Natural Resources Branch Chief by 15 November each year. The report format will be provided under separate cover.

9. Although not a limitation on the authority of any official named herein to act on the behalf of the Secretary of the Army, in those cases where a proposed action or decision represents a change in precedent or policy; is of significant White House, Congressional, Department or public interest; or has been, or should be of interest or concern to the SWD Division Commander, the DCG-CEO, the ASA(CW) or Secretary of the Army, an official designated from your District will coordinate with the SWD Chief of Operations to arrange a briefing with me before taking the action or making the decision unless the exigencies of the situation prevent the briefing.

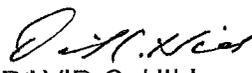
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10. I support this action which will help accomplish critical natural resource conservation and recreation work at our projects while providing meaningful work experience for young adults and veterans, our next generation of natural resource managers.
11. This delegation will be effective when a record copy of this delegation memo has been provided through the DCG-CEO's Office to the ASA (CW) and expires on 10 August 2024, unless revoked or superseded.
12. For further question on this action please contact Andrea Murdock-McDaniel, Chief of Operations for SWD, at (469) 487-7059.

Encl


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Brigadier General, USA
Commanding