

 **Handshake Partnership Program**
U S Army Corps of Engineers



Pine Flat Lake

USACE Partnership Workshop
APPL Conference – February 2010

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- Incentive to use partnership authorities
- Encourage community engagement
- Promote mutually beneficial activities

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FY 2004 to FY 2010
- 84 recipients
- \$800,000 in “seed money”



Old Hickory Lake



San Francisco Bay Model



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Handshake Partnership Program Basics

- **Annual Program (FY)**
 - Application Announcement - July
 - Application Deadline – September
 - Recipients Announced - October
- **Application – MSWord Form**
 - Available on NRM Gateway Partnership Page
- **\$25,000 Max Funding Per Recipient**
 - \$250,000 total program annually




Handshake Partnership Program Basics

- **Challenge Partnership Agreement**
 - Formerly Challenge Cost-Share Agreement
 - Reference Chapter 12, ER & EP 1130-2-500
- **Requirements:**
 - Corps facilities and resources maintained at 100% Corps expense
 - Agreement with a non-federal public or private entity
 - Within authorities and in approved OMP



Handshake Partnership Program Basics

- **No required % for Partner's contribution**
- **Partner's contributions - cash, volunteer services/labor, materials, supplies**
 - Reference ER & EP 1130-2-500 Ch 11
- **Handshake funds can not be spent on Corps salaries**
- **Handshake funds**
 - MIPR or FAD from HQ to District/Project
 - 2 years to expend funds



Handshake Partnership Program
Basics

- Handshake funds must be spent in accordance with FAR, DFAR and AFAR contracting laws and all other regulations.
- Can Not Give Handshake Funds to Partners
 - Corps does not have grant authority
- Corps Personnel Can Not:
 - Solicit funds.
 - Endorse products or services of partners
 - Give preferential treatment to partners.



Handshake Partnership Program
Application Evaluation Criteria

- Sustainability
- Partnership Value
- Recreational Benefit
- Environmental Stewardship Value
- Communication and Education Value
- Innovativeness



Handshake Partnership Program
Incentive Categories

- **Bonus Points – FY 10 categories**
 - Utilizes an Existing National Memorandum of Understanding
 - National Partners MOU list is located on the NRM Gateway Partnership Page
 - Local/Regional chapters are eligible.
 - Benefits/Involves Active Military, Veterans and/or Military Families



Handshake Partnership Program Cooperating Association Bonus

- New for FY 2010
- Incentive to formalize partnerships by entering into a Cooperating Association Agreement
- Compete for an additional \$5000
- Challenge Partnership includes a partner that has recently signed a Cooperating Association Agreement with Project/District. (qualifying date specified annually)

Reference: - ER and EP 1130-2-500 Chapter 9 Cooperating Associations



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For More Information:

NRM Gateway Partnership Pages
<http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/partnerhships.html>

Partnership Advisory Committee Members

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