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Memorandum

To: National Leadership Council

From: Director *Janatha J. Jarvis*

Subject: Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (#P11PG00072)

On April 26, 2011, I signed a national Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). This MOA establishes a framework for improved collaboration and cooperation between NPS and USACE. It has been prepared in the knowledge that each agency has capabilities and expertise that could be helpful to the other. By sharing those capabilities and areas of expertise, we will accomplish our respective missions more efficiently and better serve the public interest. I expect this MOA to be widely utilized by NPS personnel, including those who may have little knowledge about the extent of the USACE's capabilities or areas of interest. For that reason, the MOA not only sets the stage for the obligation of funds under authority of the Economy Act or other applicable authority, but imparts more information about areas of mutual interest that do not necessarily require the obligation of funds.

The agreement responds to needs expressed at regional and park levels over many years to streamline business and improve relationships between NPS and USACE personnel. I am pleased that it will instantly save time and avoid the need to have individual MOAs from different parks and regions and I am proud that many of our personnel have already led the way in forming and maintaining cooperative relationships with USACE. Those relationships will assist us in implementing this national MOA.

This MOA does NOT affect existing unexpired and on-going, project-specific agreements or obligations between the NPS and USACE. However, it can be used to replace those that expire. It does not prevent the parties from keeping or establishing more specific agreements to meet their particular needs.

There are many benefits to working more cooperatively with the USACE beyond specific projects, with nearby district or field offices, and also with their centers of expertise. A number of work areas of mutual interest are identified in the MOA attachment called "Areas of Cooperation." However, when projects do require the material involvement of either agency, this MOA will serve as the basis for facilitating subsequent financial transfers. This MOA is the only legal agreement necessary upon which to base and write subsequent interagency agreements where monies are transferred. As this is a two-way agreement, funds can flow in either direction.

The MOA will serve as an "umbrella" document describing the overall intent and guidance for the required IAs that will be analyzed and approved on a case by case basis and a Determinations and Findings completed as outlined in the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR 17.503). For easy access, this and other USACE agreements with the NPS are posted at the following URL:
<http://www.usace.army.mil/CEMP/jis/Pages/MOADatabase.aspx>.

If you have an immediate need to transfer funds or services with a USACE office, please contact your contracting officer and prepare the documents referenced in the MOA. Guidance is available to further explain when and how to enter into an IA with a USACE office.

The MOA is but one step towards working more collaboratively with the USACE on important projects and common interests. Please disseminate information about this new resource to help us accomplish our work. Should you have any questions, please contact your respective Associate Director or regional contact. Some helpful WASO contacts include:

- Colina Rivetts, Contracting Officer, WASO WCP, 303-969-2407. Processes and procedures for using the MOA to enter into Interagency Agreements (IAs) in order to transfer funds or services to implement actions.
- Tim Harvey, WASO, Chief, Park Facilities Management Division, 202-513-7034.
- Dean Ross, WASO Deputy Chief, Emergency Services. Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Response and Disaster Operations, Search and Rescue, Law Enforcement, National Incident Management System, Remote Sensing, 202-513-7093.
- Sara Newman, WASO Visitor & Resource Protection, Public Risk Management, 202-513-7225.
- Nancy Cocroft, WASO Construction Program Management, 303-969-2391. MOU's, design development, budget, and construction.
- Daniel Odess, WASO, Park Cultural Resources, 202-354-2128.
- Constance Ramirez, WASO Federal Preservation Institute, Director, 202-354-6967.
- Joel Wagner, WASO, Water Resources Division, Wetlands Program Lead, Natural Resources Stewardship and Science, 303-969-2955.
- Joan Harn, WASO River and Hydro Leader, Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Programs, 202-354-6929.
- Dean Reeder, WASO, Chief, Office of Sustainable Tourism, 202-354-6986

USACE District offices are being asked to invite our field and support office staff to discuss the full range of their services and programs and explore topics of mutual interest. For general information, please contact Marcia Keener, Office of Policy at 202-354-3956, or email marcia_keener@nps.gov.

Attachments:

Memorandum of Agreement (#G2623100013)
Areas of Cooperation
NPS Procedures for Using the Memorandum of Agreement