

US Army Corps of Engineers

Institute for Water Resources

Inland Waterways Users Board - Board Support (336546) (2012)

Status: Project Manager:

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Purpose: The role of IWR is to provide analytical support on a wide array of topics requested by members of the Inland Waterways Users Board, HQ, FOAs or other stakeholders; develop a working draft for the IWUB Annual Report to Congress; compile and distribute materials in advance of each meeting; compile post-meeting summaries and tasks; compile official meeting transcripts; and provide meeting logistics in collaboration with host districts, including travel arrangements for Board members. The IWUB is an advisory board established to monitor the Inland Waterways Trust Fund and to make recommendations to the Army and to Congress on investment priorities using resources from the Fund.

The IWUB is a critical activity for the Corps. The Director of Civil Works serves as the IWUB Executive Director and the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) serves as an Inter-Agency Observer, along with representatives of the Maritime Administration, NOAA and the Department of Agriculture.

- **Objective:** Project objectives include: conducting analyses of the Inland Waterways Trust Fund, supporting and participating in pre-briefs for DCW and ASA(CW), providing meeting support and logistics, including briefing notebooks, supporting drafting of and submitting IWUB Annual Report to Congress, supporting recruitment, criteria analysis and selection of new Board members, compiling and reviewing meeting summaries, transcripts and tasks, and updating and maintaining the IWUB website.
- **Benefits:** The support provided by IWR accomplish a Congressional mandate for Corps support and administration of the IWUB. This work effort also facilitates IWUB and stakeholder input on inland navigation investment priorities cost-shared from the Inland Waterways Trust Fund, monitors cash flows of the Inland Waterways Trust Fund, and assesses long-term implications of IWTF solvency and capability to support inland navigation infrastructure needs.

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