



## Value to the Nation Through Flood Risk Reduction, Supporting Maritime Transportation and Clean, Renewable Energy

*“The Corps of Engineers must focus on starting fewer Civil Works projects, but doing them well and completing them properly, thus delivering benefits sooner and more efficiently and proving our value to the Nation. We also must shift to a watershed, systems-based approach to water resources decision making, working closely with our customers, partners and stakeholders, in order to leverage each other’s knowledge, capabilities and resources.”*

**—MG Meredith W.B. ‘Bo’ Temple, Acting USACE Commander**

President Obama’s fiscal year 2013 budget for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) places a strong emphasis on creating jobs at the national, regional and local levels. Funds will provide support for constructing, maintaining and operating critically important water infrastructure in every state of the nation, which contributes to the nation’s economy and quality of life, now and in the future. Corps projects provide the impetus for many jobs, for example:

- As the largest Federal provider of outdoor recreation, the Corps supports 370 million visits, 270,000 jobs<sup>1</sup> and \$16 billion in economic activity nationwide from visitor spending.

The majority of the Army Civil Works program today is focused on the operation, maintenance, repair and replacement of major navigation, flood risk management and hydropower infrastructure systems, as well as on the environmental mitigation and restoration of natural resources affected in the past by these systems. As the infrastructure that the Corps operates ages, it often becomes more difficult and more expensive to maintain these systems to meet performance goals, and efficiently provide the economic and environmental benefits for which they were designed and constructed. The cost, safety, performance, and financing issues associated with the aging Civil Works infrastructure are complex. The Corps is working to assess options for the recapitalization of its infrastructure assets, with a focus on the key elements of this infrastructure, to reduce risks while addressing current and future water resources needs throughout the Nation.

### Investing in Projects that have the Greatest Return on Investment

The Corps prioritizes activities for purposes of funding, in order to make the best overall use of available funds.

The President’s budget also includes funding to complete seven projects in FY 2013: SW Valley Flood Damage Reduction (NM); Portugues and Bucana Rivers (PR); Columbia River Treaty Fishing Access Sites (OR,WA); Sims Bayou (TX); St. Louis Flood Protection (MO); Lock and Dam 27, Mississippi River (IL); and Wolf Creek Dam, Lake Cumberland (KY) as well as 21 investigations/studies.

### Increasing Low Cost Renewable Energy

The investment in hydropower will continue to provide an estimated 20,475 MWH in power generation and helps reduce the amount of carbon dioxide produced.

Key Messages	Facts & Figures
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The President’s FY 2013 civil works budget emphasizes creating jobs.</li> <li>• Constructing, maintaining and operating key infrastructure projects contribute to the nation’s economy and quality of life, now and in the future.</li> <li>• The Corps continues to build projects that protect communities, support navigation, and restore the environment.</li> <li>• This budget enables us to continue our work to maintain and improve the nation’s water resources infrastructure.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protecting communities—2.7 million people were removed from high risk</li> <li>• Producing Low Cost Renewable Energy—Corps hydropower assets produce an average of 20,475 MW annually.</li> <li>• During the period of FY 2006 through FY 2010, the Corps restored about 29,000 acres of aquatic ecosystem habitat.</li> <li>• For more information visit <a href="http://www.usace.army.mil/">http://www.usace.army.mil/</a>.</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> US Army Corps of Engineers IWR- Regional Economic System. Computer Model and Online Database. Alexandria, VA: Institute for Water Resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.