Continuing Authorities Program

Section 204
(Water Resources Development Act of 1992, as amended)
Regional Sediment Management

US Army Corps of Engineers ®
Albuquerque District

At a Glance:
- ➤ $5 million Federal per fiscal year limit for cooperation with States or regions in the preparation of comprehensive regional sediment management plans.
- ➤ Non-Federal funds are not required.
- ➤ Requesting agency must be a regional entity, but does not need to be a State.
- ➤ Study must be regional in scope.

The Authority. Subsection (e) of Section 204 of Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1992, as amended by Section 2037 of the WRDA 2007, provides that the Secretary of the Army may cooperate with any State in the preparation of a comprehensive State or regional sediment management plan within the boundaries of the State, encourage State participation in the implementation of the plan, and submit to Congress reports and recommendations with respect to federal participation in carrying out the plan.

The Corps' role is to participate in the regional sediment management study in a coordination and collaboration role. Priority will be given to studies that leverage Section 204 funds with other federal and non-federal funds to accomplish broad systemic regional sediment management goals.

This authority can also be used to develop plans for transportation and placement of sediment obtained through construction, operation or maintenance of an authorized federal project, to reduce storm damages to property and to protect, restore, and create aquatic and ecologically related habitats, including wetlands.

The Process. A Section 204 regional sediment management planning project consists of collaboration and cooperation in the development of a regional sediment plan. There are no phases as in other CAP projects, and no agreements need to be signed.

Corps assistance can include participation in team meetings, performing analyses to assist in plan development, or other tasks as determined in the planning process.

Section 204 authority limits Federal cost for cooperation with States or regions in the preparation of comprehensive regional sediment management plans to $5 million Federal per fiscal year for the Nation.

How to Request Assistance for a Study. If you are a regional entity conducting a Regional Sediment Management Study, and are interested in Corps assistance, please contact the Albuquerque District at the phone number or e-mail below. The Continuing Authorities Program Manager will be happy to assist you and can discuss the desired level of involvement. Upon receipt of a letter of request from a non-Federal project sponsor the Corps of Engineers can initiate the study and request funds to support the effort. Funds are limited.

For more information please contact:

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SAMPLE REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

District Engineer
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Dear Sir:

This letter is to request the assistance of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under Subsection (e) of Section 204 of Water Resources Development Act of 1992, as amended. To participate in a regional sediment management study for *[region or state]*.

[Briefly describe the nature and severity of the problem, any issues that could affect the study, and the desired scope of Corps involvement, if known.]

We understand that funds are limited available, but that there is no requirement for non-Federal funds.

Please contact *[name, address, telephone]* for further information.

Sincerely,

[Name and Title of public official authorized to request the study]

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