



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE Planning Assistance to States (PAS)

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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SCOPE AND AUTHORITY

Section 22 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1974, as amended, gives authority to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to partner with States, Tribes, and US Territories, including non-profit organizations or Tribal organizations, as well as regional coalitions of government, to assist in the preparation of comprehensive plans for the development, utilization, and conservation of water and related land resources.

ELEMENTS OF THE PROGRAM

Comprehensive Water Resources Planning – Work under comprehensive water resources planning includes planning for the development, utilization, and conservation of water and water-related resources of drainage basins, watersheds, or ecosystems located within the boundaries of that State, including plans to comprehensively address water resources challenges. Comprehensive plans can extend across state boundaries provided both States agree.

Technical Assistance Supporting State Water Resources Management Plans – Work under technical assistance supporting state water resources management plans includes technical support of planning efforts related to the management of state water resources, such as the provision and integration of hydrologic, economic, or environmental data and analysis supporting the State's water resources management and related land resources development plans identified in the state water plan or other water resources management related state planning documents, such as state hazard mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery plans and plans associated with changing hydrologic conditions, climate change, long-term sustainability, and resilience.

Typical water resources problems and opportunities – The areas typically included in this program, either through comprehensive state water resource planning efforts or technical assistance are flood risk management, water supply, water conservation, environmental restoration, water quality, hydropower, erosion, navigation, fish and wildlife, cultural resources, and environmental resources.

Planning Level of Detail – Work generated through comprehensive planning or technical assistance is at a planning level of detail, and cannot include preparation of detailed site-specific designs for project construction.

PROJECT COSTS

Comprehensive planning and technical assistance activities through the PAS program are cost shared (50 per cent) with the study partner. Voluntarily contributed funds in excess of cost share may be provided by the non-Federal partner. In-kind services are accepted as cost share contributions for comprehensive planning.

HOW TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE

Potential sponsors can request assistance under Section 22 of WRDA of 1974 by completing the template on the reverse side of this fact sheet and sending it to the address below

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SAMPLE LETTER OF INTENT

(Date)

Lenna Hawkins, Deputy for Programs and Project Management
US Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District
William S. Moorhead Federal Building
1000 Liberty Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222

Dear Ms. Hawkins:

This letter is in reference to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Planning Assistance to States Program. We understand that the provisions of Section 22 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1974, as amended, provide authority for the Corps to assist in the preparation of comprehensive plans for the development, utilization, and conservation of water and related land resources, either through planning or technical assistance.

The **(Name of State, Indian Tribe, local government, or other non-Federal entity)** requests planning or technical assistance for **(Briefly describe problem or need, including if appropriate, the name of the body of water or waterway, and City, and / or County and State).**

If you have any questions please contact **(Name, Title)** at **(phone number and address)**.

Sincerely,
(Name and Title of public official authorized to request study)