Chicago District Industry Day

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USACE’s Value to the Nation

USACE provides value for the Nation in many ways to diverse stakeholders.

- We deliver **positive impacts** for today and tomorrow - in construction, natural resource management, energy and sustainability and capacity building, and more.
- We have the “right” people: world-class professionals, civilians, and soldiers alike.
- We are U.S. Army “ambassadors” on a daily basis to political leaders, America’s small businesses, and to citizens wherever we serve them.
- We are the “Nation’s Engineers.”
A History of Success
(Value to the Nation)

The Corps of Engineers’ history is intertwined with Chicago’s own. Vibrant and dynamic, looking forward and leading into tomorrow.
Mission: USACE-Chicago District provides valued, world class leadership, engineering services, and management capabilities for diverse stakeholders and partners within the greater Chicago-land metropolitan area and to the Nation.

- **LRC Mission Areas:**
  - Flood Risk Management
  - Shoreline Protection
  - Navigation
  - Environmental
  - Emergency Management
  - Overseas Contingency Ops
  - IIS Program
  - Regulatory Support
  - Real Estate

9 Counties (IL – 6; IN – 2+); 5,000 Sq. Mi.; 9.1 Million people
General Investigations (GI)

Mission: Conduct feasibility studies to determine cost effective solutions. These studies have the potential to lead to design and construction of various projects in the future.

- Current Feasibility Studies Include:
  - Upper Des Plaines River and Tributaries
  - DuPage River
  - Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study
Chicago – Flood Risk Management

- $1.37B in flood damages prevented since 1996
- $130M in 2011
- $48M in 2012
- $319M in 2013
- $95M in 2014
- $77M in 2015
Chicago – Navigation

- Seven Harbor projects
- 90% traffic within system
- 14,287 jobs in Chicago area
- $652 M in wages, salaries
- $2.8 B in business revenue

Since 1979, the operations and maintenance of the Illinois Waterway has been the responsibility of the USACE, Rock Island District.
Chicago – Ecosystem Restoration

- 29 projects completed or in construction for over 3200 acres of habitat & 60 miles of unimpeded river flow
- On target to award 3 new construction projects in FY2017
- 28 studies in progress
Questions

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