



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
441 G STREET, NW  
WASHINGTON, DC 20314-1000

CECW-CE

22 MAR 2013

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRUBUTION

SUBJECT: Compliance with Federal Requirements for Value Engineering (VE)

1. Reference:

a. ER 11-1-321, Value Engineering (Change 1), dated 1 Jan 2011.

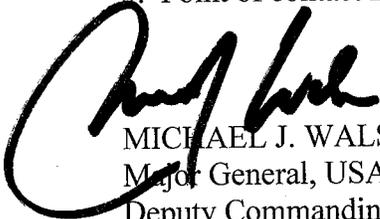
b. ER 415-1-111, Biddability, Constructability, Operability, Environmental, and Sustainability (BCOES) Reviews, dated 1 Jan 2013.

2. USACE Value Engineering (VE) performance and compliance has slipped substantially over the last five years. In FY 12 the Chief of Engineers reported achievement of 58% of the required OSD goal; and the number of studies executed dropped to less than 10% of those required.

3. The Chief of E&C (James Dalton) held a webmeeting on 14 Feb 2013 with all MSC's to discuss VE requirements and authorities. Discussion items indicated that continued use of corporate level programmatic VE studies (ie., SRM, HTRW, etc.); increased flexibility of VE efforts through better definition and integration; and working with PM's to develop new "triggers" to ensure VE requirement is addressed early in the procurement life cycle, were key to improving performance. We have asked our HQ Team to continue this dialogue with MSC's and assist with performance improvement.

4. Compliance with VE statutory and regulatory requirements is critical and accomplished through disciplined adherence to our business processes, policies, and procedures. Commanders shall ensure that the required VE studies are budgeted for, scheduled and resourced, or waived, in accordance with ref 1(a), and that MSC's continue to report their progress through the DMR process. Project Managers, Value Engineering Officers, Chiefs of Construction and Contracting Officers must ensure the required "VE Certification" is attached to the BCOES Certificate before projects can be advertised per reference 1(b).

5. Point of contact for this information is Mr. Jeffery T. Hooghouse, (202)761-5533.



MICHAEL J. WALSH  
Major General, USA  
Deputy Commanding General  
for Civil and Emergency Response



KENDALL P. COX  
Major General, USA  
Deputy Commanding General  
for Military and International Operations

CECW-CE

SUBJECT: Compliance with Federal Requirements for Value Engineering (VE)

DISTRIBUTION:

Commander, Great Lakes & Ohio River Division  
Commander, Mississippi Valley Division  
Commander, North Atlantic Division  
Commander, Northwestern Division  
Commander, Pacific Ocean Division  
Commander, South Atlantic Division  
Commander, South Pacific Division  
Commander, Southwestern Division  
Commander, Transatlantic Division

COPY FURNISHED:

Commander, Afghanistan Engineer District - North  
Commander, Afghanistan Engineer District - South  
Commander, Alaska District  
Commander, Albuquerque District  
Commander, Baltimore District  
Commander, Buffalo District  
Commander, Charleston District  
Commander, Chicago District  
Commander, Detroit District  
Commander, Europe District  
Commander, Far East District  
Commander, Fort Worth District: ATTN: Mr. Beville  
Commander, Galveston District: ATTN: Mr. Szempruch / Mr. Regner  
Commander, Gulf Region District  
Commander, Honolulu District: ATTN: Mr. Nishimoto / Mr. Molina / Mr. Li  
Commander, Huntington District: ATTN: Mr. Gilkison  
Commander, Jacksonville District  
Commander, Japan Engineer District  
Commander, Kansas City District: ATTN: Mr. Simmons / Mr. Brauch  
Commander, Little Rock District: ATTN: Ms. Curtis  
Commander, Louisville District  
Commander, Los Angeles District  
Commander, Memphis District  
Commander, Middle East District  
Commander, Mobile District  
Commander, Nashville District  
Commander, New England District: ATTN: Mr. Dorgan  
Commander, New Orleans District: ATTN: Ms. Campbell  
Commander, New York District: ATTN: Ms. Westervelt

CECW-CE

SUBJECT: Compliance with Federal Requirements for Value Engineering (VE)

COPY FURNISHED: (CONT.)

Commander, Norfolk District  
Commander, Omaha District: ATTN: Ms. Torres / Mr. Temeyer  
Commander, Philadelphia District  
Commander, Pittsburgh District  
Commander, Portland District  
Commander, Rock Island District  
Commander, Sacramento District: ATTN: Mr. Valentine / Ms. Szydlik  
Commander, San Francisco District  
Commander, Savannah District: ATTN: Mr. Sherard  
Commander, Seattle District: ATTN: Ms. Ramirez / Ms. Polzin / Ms. Matetich  
Commander, St. Louis District: ATTN: Ms. Ruf  
Commander, St. Paul District  
Commander, Tulsa District  
Commander, Vicksburg District  
Commander, Walla Walla District  
Commander, Wilmington District  
Commander, U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville

LABORATORY DIRECTORS,

U.S. Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory  
U.S. Army Construction Engineer Research Laboratories  
U.S. Army Topographic Engineering Center  
U.S. Army Engineer Waterways Experiment Station

FIELD OPERATING ACTIVITIES,

U.S. Army Humphreys Engineer Center Support Activity

HQ's DIRECTORATES