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MEMORANDUM FOR: COMMANDERS, Mississippi Valley Division (CEMVD-PD); Great Lakes and Ohio River Division (CELRD-PD); and, Southwestern Division (CECW-PD)

SUBJECT: Implementation Guidance for Section 2028 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (WRDA 2007) – SUPPORT OF THE ARMY CIVIL WORKS PROGRAM

1. Section 2028 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2007 (Section 2028) allows the Secretary to provide assistance through contracts, cooperative agreements, and grants to: (1) the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee, for establishment and operation of the Southeastern Water Resources Institute to study sustainable development and utilization of water resources in the southeastern United States; (2) Lewis and Clark Community College, Illinois, for the Great Rivers National Research and Education center (including facilities that have been or will be constructed at one or more locations in the vicinity of the confluence of the Illinois River, the Missouri River, and the Mississippi River), a collaborative effort of Lewis and Clark Community College, the university of Illinois, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences, and other entities, for the study of river ecology, developing watershed and river management strategies, and educating students and the public on river issues; and (3) the University of Texas at Dallas for support and operation of the International Center for Decision and Risk Analysis to study risk analysis and control methods for transboundary water resources management in the southwestern United States and other international water resources management problems. There are authorized to be appropriated $2,000,000 to carry out (1); $2,000,000 to carry out (2); and $5,000,000 to carry out (3). A copy of Section 2028 is enclosed for your information.

2. No assistance will be provided under this authority unless Congress specifically appropriates funds for such assistance. In addition, the provision of assistance for the work described in Section 2028 must result in products that directly contribute to the Army Civil Works Program. Subject to these requirements, assistance through contracts, cooperative agreements, and grants may be provided directly to the universities specified in Section 2028 without the need to follow normal competition procedures to obtain full and open competition.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Encl

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Director of Civil Works

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SECTION: **SEC. 2028 SUPPORT OF ARMY CIVIL WORKS PROGRAM.**

CITATION:

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 2361 of title 10, United States Code, the Secretary may provide assistance through contracts, cooperative agreements, and grants to—

(1) the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee, for establishment and operation of the Southeastern Water Resources Institute to study sustainable development and utilization of water resources in the southeastern United States;

(2) Lewis and Clark Community College, Illinois, for the Great Rivers National Research and Education Center (including facilities that have been or will be constructed at one or more locations in the vicinity of the confluence of the Illinois River, the Missouri River, and the Mississippi River), a collaborative effort of Lewis and Clark Community College, the University of Illinois, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences, and other entities, for the study of river ecology, developing watershed and river management strategies, and educating students and the public on river issues; and

(3) the University of Texas at Dallas for support and operation of the International Center for Decision and Risk Analysis to study risk analysis and control methods for transboundary water resources management in the southwestern United States and other international water resources management problems.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out subsection (a)(1) $2,000,000, to carry out subsection (a)(2) $2,000,000, and to carryout subsection (a)(3) $5,000,000.