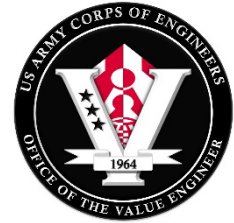




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COVE POLICY LETTER # 2022-05

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SUBJECT: A-E Service Contracts

- 1) **PURPOSE:** Provide guidance for addressing Value Engineering (VE) requirements on Architect-Engineering (A-E) Service Contracts.
- 2) **BACKGROUND:** Two Enterprise Studies were conducted on A-E Services Contracts. One study was conducted at the Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) level for Jacksonville District, and the other was performed at the individual task order level for a project in Galveston District. The scope of these studies included elements of the A-E contract award process, contract structuring, and A-E contract management. While multiple proposals and considerations resulted from these studies applicable at the District, Regional, and Enterprise levels, the conclusion was there is low opportunity for beneficial change on a repeatable basis.
- 3) **POLICY:** This COVE Policy Letter serves as supporting documentation for any VE screening determination (Level of Effort or Low Opportunity) made by DVOs on A-E contracts. Authority for Low Opportunity below \$10M resides with the MSCs. For A-E contracts \$10M+, the minimum strategy shall be Low Opportunity-Bridge with consideration of the proposals from the Enterprise Studies referenced above. This policy does not preclude DVOs from making determinations to study A-E contracts; in fact, a study may still be warranted or desired on large IDIQs or task orders depending on the situation.
- 4) **ENTERPRISE STUDY LOCATION:** The Enterprise Studies reside in the Value Engineering Study Library on SharePoint.
- 5) **IMPLEMENTATION:** Effective immediately, the minimum VE strategy to address A-E contracts \$10M and larger shall be Low Opportunity-Bridge utilizing proposals from the studies listed above. Any questions should be directed to the undersigned through the OVx at CDL-All-OVx@usace.army.mil.

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