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Subject: United States Army Corps of Engineers Dam Safety Award of Excellence

Applicability: Information

1. **Purpose:** This Engineering and Construction Bulletin provides information on the application, and nomination process for the US Army Corps of Engineers Dam Safety Award of Excellence.
2. **Background:** In 2008 the HQACE Dam Safety Officer developed the US Army Corps of Engineers Dam Safety Award of Excellence to recognize individuals and teams of the Dam Safety Community of Practice that have demonstrated professionalism in furthering Dam Safety within the Corps of Engineers and within the overall Dam Safety profession. The award shall be presented once a year at the Senior Leaders Meeting. The name of the award shall be the Corps of Engineers Dam Safety Award of Excellence.
3. **Discussion:** Nomination procedures for Districts, MSC, laboratories and FOA are as follows:
 - a. Each year, Districts, MSC, laboratory and FOA wishing to nominate an individual or team for consideration for the award must submit the Nomination Application (enclosure 1). Nomination packages must be received by the HQUSACE Dam Safety Officer not later than 15 February 2013 for the 2012 awards. Each organization can nominate an individual and a team for contributions they have made to dam safety.
 - b. Nominations for both the individual and the team Dam Safety Award of Excellence should be forwarded to the MSC. Each MSC will then forward one nomination for the individual award and one nomination for the team award.
 - c. The Corps of Engineers Dam Safety Steering Committee will review the nominee applications for the awards. The DSSC will then forward their recommendation for the individual and their recommendation for the Team award to the Corps of Engineers Dam Safety Officer through the Special Assistant for Dam and Levee Safety. The Dam Safety Officer will select the award winners for the individual and team awards. The awards will be presented to the receiving individual and team at the Senior Leaders Meeting.

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4. Award nomination packages shall be submitted under the signature of the District, MSC, laboratory or FOA Dam Safety Officer. Each nomination package will include an appropriate citation relating to the individual or team. Each organization can submit a package for individual contributions, and another for team contributions.

a. Special recognition for a government award for dam safety performance, outside the requirements of this memorandum, may be requested on a case by case basis.

b. The Corps of Engineers Dam Safety Award of Excellence individual and team awardees will be selected by the Chief of Engineering & Construction at HQUSACE using the following criteria:

Professional/Technical Dam Safety Society Activities	10 points
Dam Safety Society Membership (ASDSO, USSD, ASFME etc)	5 points
Regional and National Dam Safety Impact	25 points
Dam Safety Achievements	<u>60 points</u>
Total	100 points

5. Program responsibilities:

a. Commanders/directors of subordinate commands will establish a program and criteria to recognize exceptional quality dam safety performance which contributes significantly toward the assigned organization.

b. Subordinate commands may present dam safety performance awards to deserving personnel within their chain of command. These awards may include certificates, plaques, trophies or similar items with an award of honor connotation.

c. Subordinate commands may recognize individual employees for dam safety performance that is substantially above normal job requirements and performance standards. Such recognition traditionally is in the form of certificates or plaques, and should not cost more than the price range of a medal, certificate, or plaque that is normally used to recognize the achievement for which the award is presented. Each subordinate command should establish its own criteria for determining individual award recognition.

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USACE Dam Safety Award of Excellence Team, and Individual Award Nomination Application for 2012

Eligibility

Engineers, Scientist, Technicians, and Operations staff in the organization are eligible for nomination.

Nomination Process

All nominations must be submitted electronically on the enclosed form (MS Word file attached to this pdf) to their MSC Dam Safety Program Manager by 31 January 2013. The MSC DSO will forward one Team Award Application and one Individual Award Application from all those submitted to the MSC by 14 February 2013.

Selection Process

The Engineer of the Year will be selected by the Chief of Engineering & Construction at HQUSACE using the following criteria:

Professional/Technical Dam Safety Society Activities	10 points
Dam Safety Society Membership (ASDSO, USSD, ASFME etc)	5 points
Regional and National Dam Safety Impact	25 points
Dam Safety Achievements	<u>60 points</u>
Total	100 points

Winner Recognition

The selected Dam Safety Professional of the Year will be recognized at the Senior Leaders Conference by the HQUSACE Dam Safety Officer.

Submission Suspense Date

Please return an electronic copy of this application by **31 January 2013** to your MSC Dam Safety Program Manager

**USACE Dam Safety Award of Excellence
Team, and Individual Award Nomination Application for 2012**

1. Individual Nominee's Personal Information

Name: _____

Office: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

2. Team Nominee's Team Information:

Team Name: _____

Office: _____

Team Leader's Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Names of the Members of the Team Leader's Name: _____

3. Nominator Information:

Nominator: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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Professional/Technical Society Activities

a) Membership in:

b) Offices held and/or committee assignments: (*office or committee, responsibility, dates*)

Local, Regional and National Activities List organizations, offices held, summary of activities, and hours involved:
