
MEETING AGENDA

AGC – USACE MilCon/Civil Works

8:00 AM – 11:20 AM

Welcome and Introductions

Tyler Stephens

Chair, AGC Corps of Engineers Committee—Military Construction

Stan Ekren

Chair, AGC Corps of Engineers Committee—Civil Works

Welcome Remarks

Major General William (Butch) H. Graham

Deputy Chief of Engineers and Deputy Commanding General

Military Construction & Civil Works Programs Discussion

8:30 AM to 11:20 AM

(Break from 10:00 AM to 10:15 AM)

Dr. Christine Altendorf

Director of Military Programs

Eddie Belk

Director of Civil Works Programs

Stacey Hirata

Chief of Military Programs Integration Division

Pete Perez

Chief, Engineering and Construction Division

Additional USACE Headquarters Personnel

AGC Questions for USACE Military Construction & Civil Works Programs

1. Budget Update, Appropriations, & Projects Outlook

Please provide a general update on upcoming and anticipated projects included in the approved FY2023 enacted budgets and the FY2024 Request.

Questions:

- A. What is the breakdown of projects? By state/location.

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- B. There are projects that are authorized, but do not have funds appropriated. What is the status of these projects, and when are appropriations expected?

2. Infrastructure Investment

A record-setting [AGC backed](#) construction investment bill, the \$1.2 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill, represents a critical chance to significantly invest in building and maintaining a broad range of physical infrastructure without unnecessarily burdening the construction industry with new mandates. The infrastructure bill provides significant money to USACE for infrastructure investments.

Questions:

- A. Please describe [USACE plans](#) to execute projects originating from this infrastructure bill.
- B. How can AGC and USACE work together to expedite the start and completion of these projects?

3. Recommendations to Congress

Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) directed the Secretary of the Army to commission a study of USACE contracting processes to identify methods to reduce the cost and time of delivering construction projects. The direction was to identify reforms needed in contracting and project execution, including potential opportunities that require legislation. The two-part study includes a review focused on five lines of effort: (1) Architect-Engineer and Services; (2) Construction; (3) Installation Maintenance and Repair; (4) Partnering in Design and Construction; and (5) Miscellaneous Funding recommendations.

Questions:

- A. Please describe USACE recommendations and its potential impact on AGC members.

4. Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)

2022 WRDA: Congress in the enacted into law the AGC-backed [2022 WRDA](#) which authorized new Army Corps of Engineers projects, including ports, levees and key restoration efforts. AGC has been meeting with the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, the House of Representative's Transportation and Infrastructure Committees, and other lawmakers detailing policies and priorities.

Questions:

- A. Please provide AGC with an update of the projects USACE has requested be authorized.
- B. Please describe what significant policy changes USACE sees in the 2022 WRDA law.

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- C. Section 110 of WRDA 2020 requires the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works and USACE to account for the full identification and analysis of national economic benefits, regional economic development benefits, environmental quality benefits and other social effects. How will this new calculation factor in how USACE will determine which projects to pursue?

5. Partnering / Building Relationships

USACE, AGC, and AGC members have a long history of partnering to deliver the high-quality infrastructure projects in a safe and effective manner. In 2022, AGC and the USACE formally renewed its long-standing partnership. For more than one hundred years, partnership between AGC and USACE has been key in building the infrastructure our Nation needs at home and abroad. AGC and USACE [signed](#) a Partnership Charter and Safety Memorandum of Understanding. AGC believes that engaging in project-level partnering as committed team members with USACE will improve project execution, staff efficiency (USACE and contractor), safety, trust, and the project team relationships. AGC members have embraced partnering and are committed to bringing key decision makers into the fold in order to get the most out of the process. There exist opportunities to improve the process by getting a commitment from all parties attending to bring key decision makers (i.e., Design Manager, Contracting Officer, Contract Specialist, Project Manager, and Operation Manager, etc.).

Questions:

- A. USACE published [USACE Construction Project Partnering Playbook \(2022\)](#) and [Firm Fixed Price Contract Changes Playbook \(2002\)](#) on its [partnering website](#). How does USACE ensure that partnering is actually followed through and abided by?
- B. How does USACE ensure that partnering is actually followed through and abided by?
- C. What metrics are tracked from the date of partnering / building relationships through project completion?
- D. How can AGC assist in providing help to contractors on Partnering training, expectations, best practices, etc.

USACE Questions for AGC

USACE may provide questions for contractors on field issues or policy reforms.

General Questions

Open questions from the floor.

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