

- MINUTES -

Liaison Committee
KC District USACE of Engineers • ACEC/MO • ACEC/KS
June 23, 2017
Affinis Corp, Overland Park, KS

The Kansas City Corps of Engineers / ACECMO / ACECKS Liaison meeting was held at the Affinis Overland Park office located at 8900 Indian Creek Parkway, Overland Park, Kansas from 11:00 until 1:00 p.m. on June 23, 2017. Present at the meeting were:

KC Corps of Engineers

Tim Kurgan
David Mathews

ACEC/MO

Jess Borries, Burns & McDonnell
John Denlinger, HDR
Dave Kocour, Hg Consult, Inc.
Les Hamilton, Affinis

ACEC/KS

Jason Davis, Affinis Corp
Eric Cenovich, Wilson & Company
Jack Poole, Poole Fire Protection
Jason Sweet, Stantec

1. **Jason Davis distributed Agendas** - Refer to Attached Agenda.
2. **Introductions** - Refer to Sign-in Sheet for attendees
3. **ACEC/MO:**
 - a. Committee will continue to work on getting update presented by Bruce Wylie. Similar to updates Scott Heidner has provided for happenings that our occurring at the state level.
 - b. A fall 2017 meeting is scheduled in Jefferson City for all ACEC/MO committees. Are there any items on the agenda that may be pertinent to the USACE? Dave Kocour will check.
4. **US Army Corps of Engineers Kansas City District Programs Presentation** – Tim Kurgan provided a summary of the Civil Works, MILCON, and HTRW programs, with distribution of a document summarizing the status of these programs. Refer to attached power point presentation. In general:
 - a. FY17 Civil works has increased to \$189M. FY18 MILCON increased to \$200M for Ft Leonard Wood Hospital and NGA.
 - b. FY18 PBUD is lower than hoped. District is trying to position for new starts. Grand River is only new start currently in POTUS budget.
 - c. Civil Works Guidance and Support solicitation due July 5th for RMC.
 - d. VA/USACE relationship. See this relationship building regionally, not in KC District yet. VA projects over \$100M must use another agency to support execution.
 - e. USACE new policy memo. GEN Semonite's memo requires better efficiency and effectiveness by USACE in their operations. Requires streamline 1000 plus USACE documents.
 - f. Civil Works review boards are no longer required. This has been a previous requirement starting in 1986. Could reduce project approval by one year.
5. **ACEC Update** (Jason Davis) – Refer to ACEC Update Handout.

6. **Status of PL84-99** – Ruling process ongoing. Anticipate ruling will be open for public comment in February 2018.
7. **Flooding** – Flooding occurred this spring in the lower Missouri basin. Water is being stored in the Osage Lakes and the main stem Missouri reservoirs.
8. **USACE no longer is under a hiring freeze.**
9. **Miscellaneous**
 - a. USACE appreciated the meeting agenda provided about 3 to 4 weeks before the meeting. This allowed scheduling/preparation of people to address the topics.
 - b. Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for the month of September.
 - c. National partnering agreement between USACE and ACEC recently signed at National level. This partnering agreement could be used to guide local committee.
 - d. No future topics were identified.
 - e. Jason Sweet is the incoming ACEC/KS committee chair. ACEC/MO committee chair is Tom Poer.

ACEC KS / ACEC MO / USACE Kansas City Liaison Committee

Date: 23 June 2017

Time: 1100 to 1300 hrs

Location: Affinis Office, 8900 Indian Creek Parkway, Bldg 6, Suite 450, Overland Park, KS 66210

AGENDA

- ACEC/MO Update
- USACE Federal Administration Update
 - USACE Funding (e.g., President's FY18 Budget for USACE Civil Works)
 - New Policies/Procedures/Rulemakings?
 - Hiring freeze?
 - Other?
- USACE KCD Program Update.
- USACE Flooding Report & Remaining Flood Season Prediction
- Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN) Update
 - Projects updates for the KC District
- Update on Status of PL84-99 new ruling status or items from the KC District hosted National PL84-99 training.
- ACEC update.
 - ACEC Studies Tenets of Trump Infrastructure Plan
 - Other Items of Interest from Annual April National Conference
 - ACEC/KS
 - AE Employment Trend
 - ACEC/NYSE/Construction Trend
- Other Items.
- Set Next Meeting Date and Location
Location:
Time: 1000 to 1300 hrs

KC Corps:

Michael Coates
Sally Hohensee
David Mathews
Gwendolyn Miller John
Rex Ostrander Leslie

ACEC/MO:

Dave Kocour, Co-Chair
Jess Borries
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ACEC/KS:

Jason Davis, Co-Chair
Eric Cenovich
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US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS KANSAS CITY DISTRICT PROGRAMS

Tim Kurgan, P.E., PMP
Deputy Chief, PPPMD
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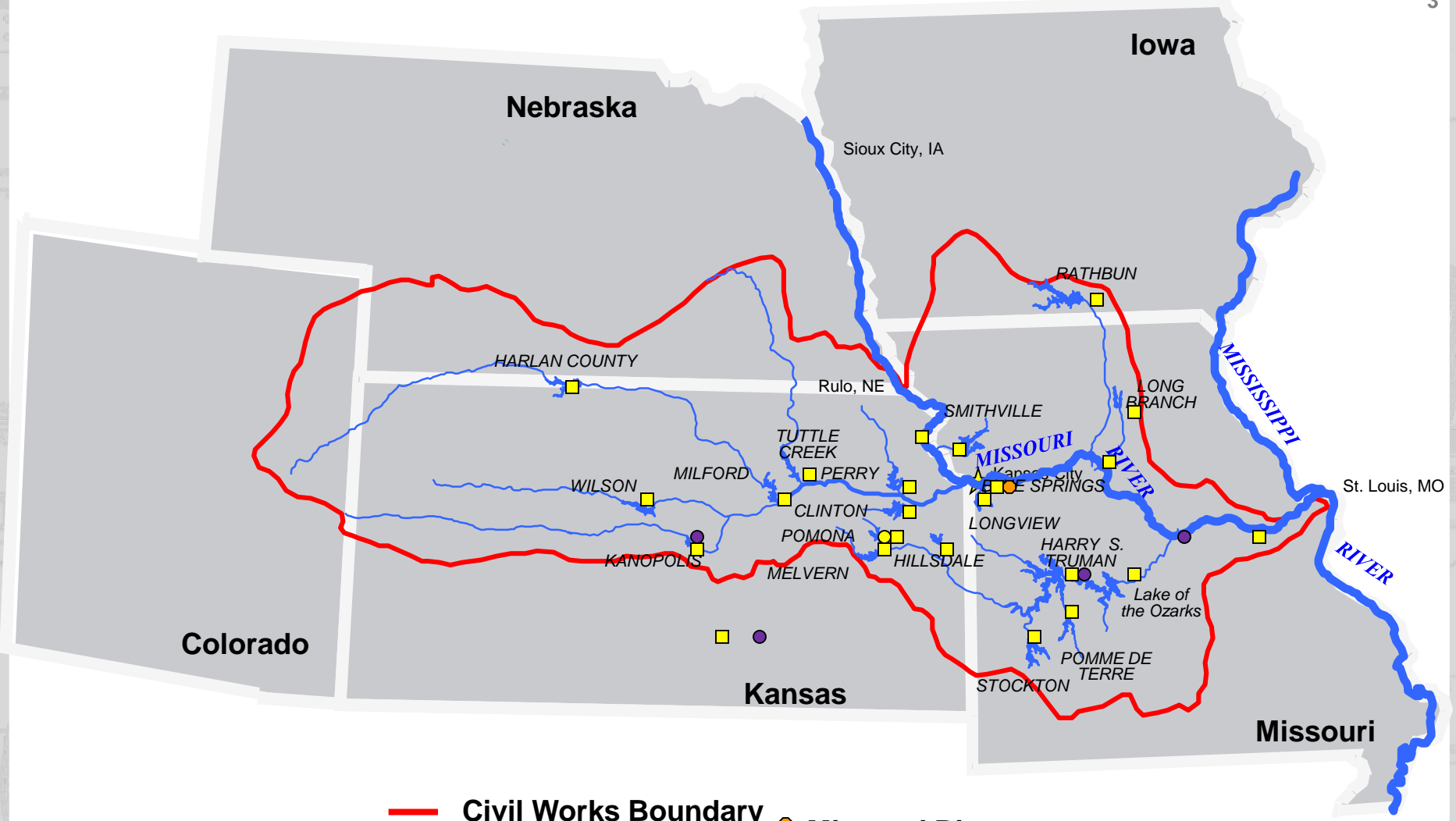
- Kansas City District Missions
- Program Trends
- Civil Works Priorities
- Military Program Priorities
- Environmental Program Priorities
- Questions / Discussion



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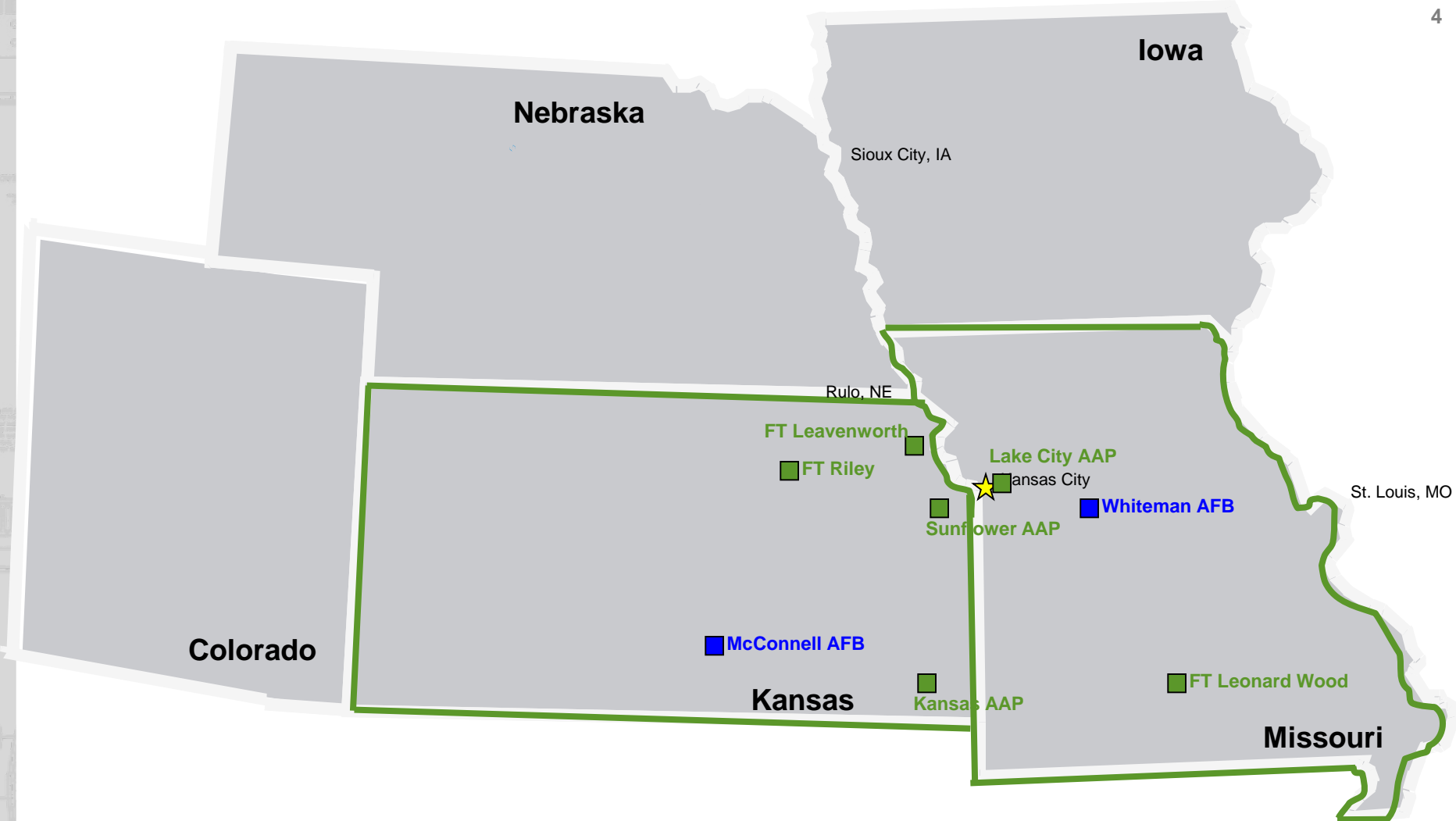
Kansas City District – Civil Works Boundary



-  Civil Works Boundary
-  Operations Projects
-  Regulatory Offices
-  Missouri River Area Office



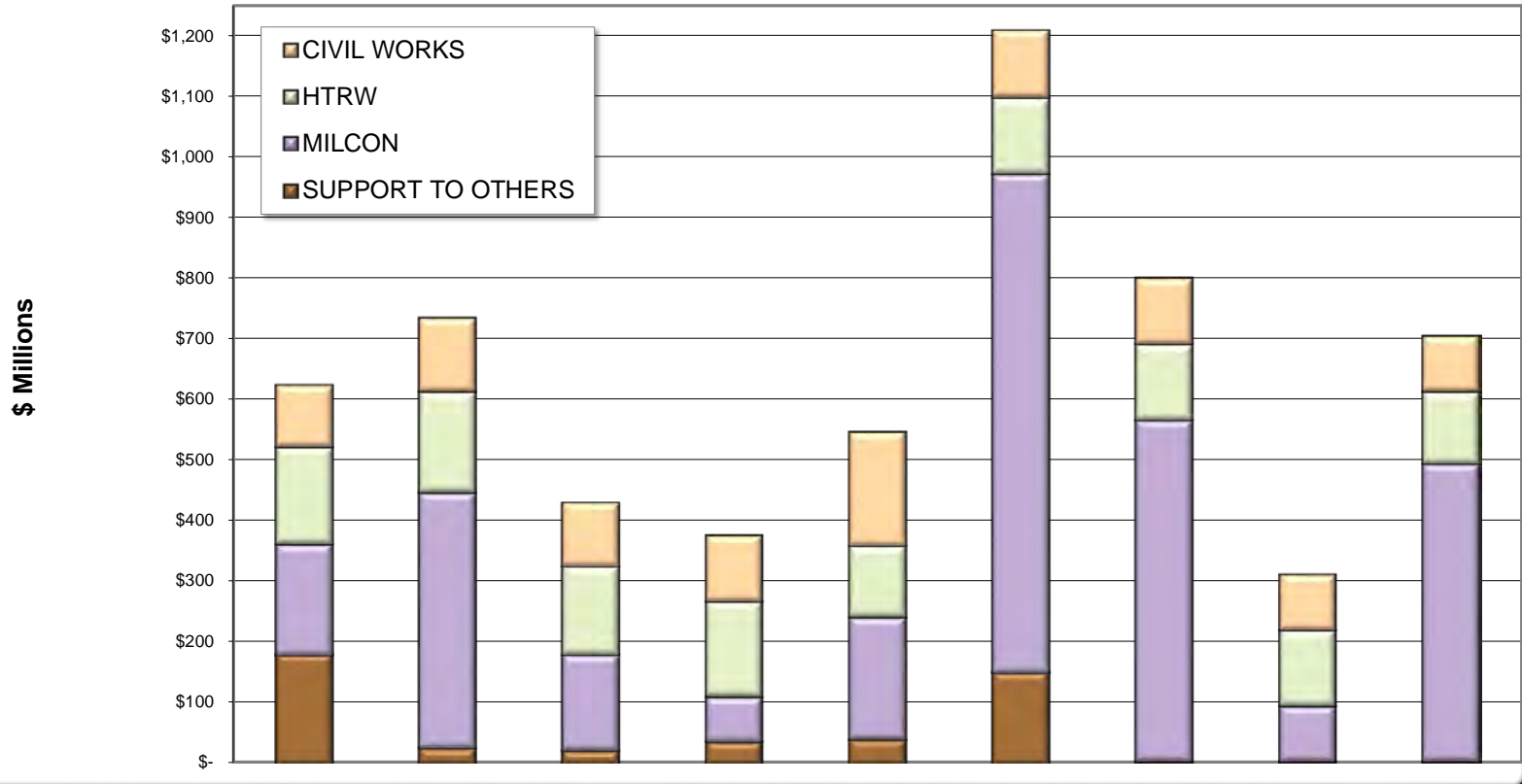
Kansas City District – Military Boundary



-  Military Works Boundary
-  US Army Installations
-  US Air Force Bases



NWK District Trend Assessment



	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21
CIVIL WORKS	\$ 102.68	\$ 121.56	\$ 104.80	\$ 108.16	\$ 189.16	\$ 112.55	\$ 108.16	\$ 92.20	\$ 92.30
HTRW	\$ 160.08	\$ 167.40	\$ 145.80	\$ 158.45	\$ 117.39	\$ 125.30	\$ 126.50	\$ 126.00	\$ 119.50
MILCON	\$ 183.20	\$ 420.22	\$ 158.89	\$ 74.05	\$ 201.01	\$ 822.36	\$ 561.17	\$ 90.20	\$ 488.90
SUPPORT TO OTHERS	\$ 179.00	\$ 26.48	\$ 21.60	\$ 36.54	\$ 40.72	\$ 149.18	\$ 4.80	\$ 4.80	\$ 4.80
TOTALS	\$ 624.96	\$ 735.66	\$ 431.09	\$ 377.20	\$ 551.76	\$ 1,213.39	\$ 800.63	\$ 313.20	\$ 705.50



NWK FY17 SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM

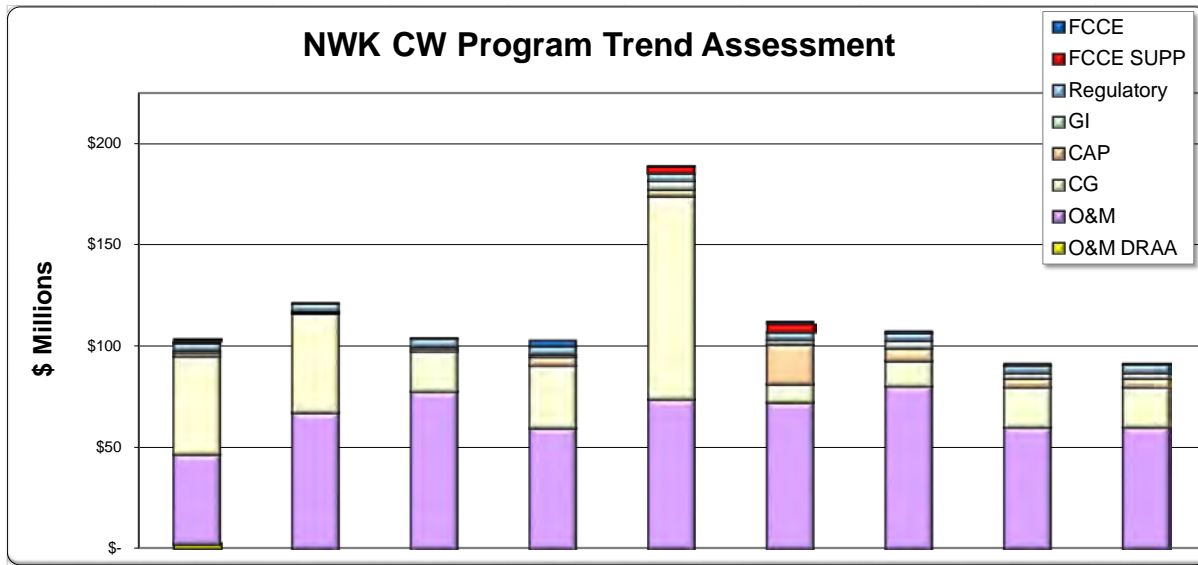
	USACE Goals	NWK Targets	Projected	FY 2017 Actual as of MAY 30, 2017
Small Dis. Bus.	16.42%	14.40%	\$ 135.8M	\$ 43.2M (34.56%)
Women-Owned	5.10%	1.88%	\$ 5.8M	\$ 3.2M (2.57%)
HubZone	8.20%	1.49%	\$ 4.6M	\$ 2.3M (1.91%)
SDVOSB	9.80%	14.96%	\$ 46.0M	\$ 9.2M (7.42%)
Small Business	46.40%	44.17%	\$135.8M	\$ 76.2M (60.42%)
Large Bus.		55.83%	\$ 171.6M	\$ 48.7M (39.58%)
Total Contract Dollars			\$ 307.4M	\$ 124.9M



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NWK CIVIL PROGRAM TREND ASSESSMENT



	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21
FCCE	\$ 0.54	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.60	\$ 3.40	\$ 0.60	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
FCCE SUPP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3.48	\$ 4.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Regulatory	\$ 3.81	\$ 3.90	\$ 3.90	\$ 3.90	\$ 3.70	\$ 3.90	\$ 3.90	\$ 3.90	\$ 4.00
GI	\$ 1.23	\$ 0.75	\$ 1.20	\$ 1.20	\$ 4.40	\$ 2.50	\$ 3.76	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.50
CAP	\$ 1.70	\$ 0.65	\$ 1.50	\$ 4.59	\$ 3.33	\$ 19.40	\$ 6.50	\$ 4.80	\$ 4.80
CG	\$ 48.80	\$ 49.20	\$ 20.30	\$ 31.30	\$ 100.15	\$ 9.55	\$ 13.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
O&M	\$ 44.20	\$ 67.00	\$ 77.30	\$ 59.40	\$ 73.50	\$ 72.20	\$ 80.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
O&M DRAA	\$ 2.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CW TOTALS	\$ 102.68	\$ 121.56	\$ 104.80	\$ 103.79	\$ 189.16	\$ 112.55	\$ 108.16	\$ 92.20	\$ 92.30
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Pbud	Request	Projected	Projected

FY17

- CG: Dodson, Turkey Creek, Topeka, and St Joe funded (St. Joe funding level of \$42M enables future year actions)
- KCL Phase 2 PED funding of \$2.5M will enable significant design effort towards a first construction contract
- O&M Fed funding plus customer funding will enable work at various lake projects

FY18 PBud:

- Pbud funding for NWK GI and CG was lower than hoped for, but there will be significant carry-in from FY18 on specific projects
- We believe we are positioned well for additional appropriations in all programs, plus a potential new study starts for the Kansas River Basin, with Blue River Basin, Lower Missouri River, and Osage River Basin also having potential
- O&M looks strong and continues FY17



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GI (SPECIFIC) FUNDING SUMMARY

GI Authorized (\$000)	FY16 Carryout	FY17 PBUD	FY17 WKPLN	TOTAL FY17 FUNDS	Current Avail Non-Fed Funds	Non-Fed Funds Required	FY18 PBUD
Kansas Citys Levees, MO & KS	0.0	0.0	2,812.0	2,812.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missouri River Degradation, KS & MO (IEPR Reprogrammed/revoked \$268k)	165.6	0.0	0.0	165.6	10.8	20.0	0.0
Grand River Basin, IA & MO	187.8	500.0	0.0	687.8	259.3	450.0 *	1,000.0
MRLS L455&R460-471, St Joe, MO	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Upper Turkey Creek, KS	15.9	0.0	0.0	15.9	1.2	0.0	0.0
Total Authorized GI	369.3	500.0	2,812.0	3,681.3	271.3	20.0	1,000.0



CG (SPECIFIC) FUNDING SUMMARY

CG Authorized (\$000)	FY16 Carryout	FY17 PBUD	FY17 WriPIn	FY17 Total Fed Funds	Avail Non-Fed Funds	Non-Fed Funds Needed	FY18 PBUD
Kansas Citys Levees	427.2	0.0	0.0	427.2	3,817.1	0.0	0.0
MRLS L-385 DC (511)	748.8	0.0	0.0	748.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Turkey Creek, KS & MO	0.8	0.0	21,529.0	21,529.8	2,641.2	10,327.9	0.0
Blue River Basin-Dodson (511)	45.4	0.0	17,030.0	17,075.4	1,154.9	2,627.9	0.0
Blue River Channel (511)	178.4	0.0	0.0	178.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Topeka, KS	864.9	8,034.0	0.0	8,898.9	4,618.4	0.0	0.0
Swope Park, MO (511)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,268.4	0.0	0.0
Mo & Middle Miss Enhancement (771)	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fish & Wildlife Recovery (771)	1,082.4	8,000.0		9,082.4	0.0	0.0	9,550.0
MRLS L455&R460-471, St Joe, MO (511)	226.1	0.0	41,983.0	42,209.1	7,124.6	0.0	0.0
Total Authorized CG	3,574.1	16,034.0	80,542.0	100,150.1	20,624.6	12,955.8	9,550.0



WIIN UPDATES

GI: Three projects received authorization

- Kansas City Levees Phase 2 Authorized (Armourdale and Central Industrial District) **FY17 Workplan funding received to initiate PED**
- Upper Turkey Creek **Not funding**
- Manhattan Levee **Not funded**

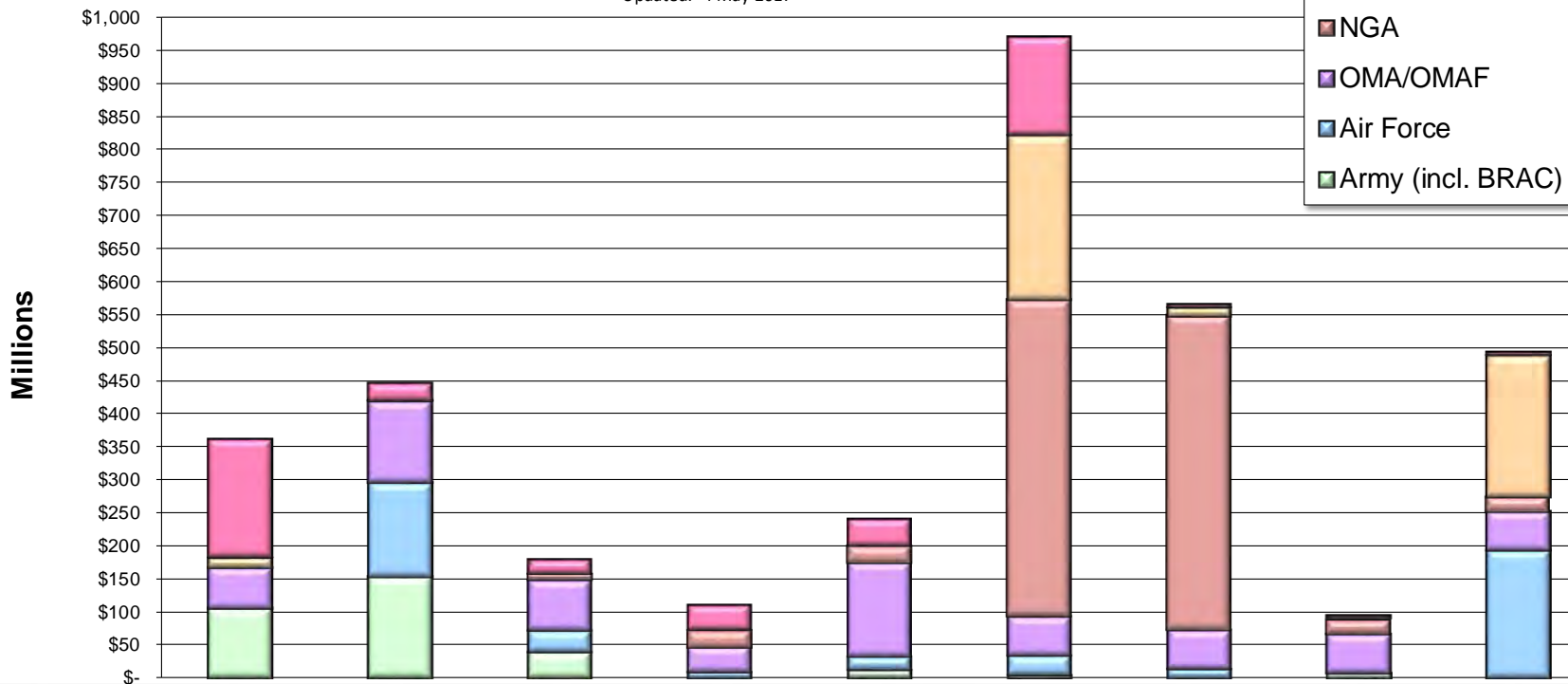
CG: Three projects re-authorized at new total project cost

- Turkey Creek **FY17 Workplan funding received for final FY17 construction contract award**
- Blue River Basin (Dodson) **FY17 Workplan funding received for final FY17 construction contract award**
- Swope Park **Not funded**



NWK MILCON Program Trend Assessment

Updated: 4 May 2017



	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21
Other*	\$ 179.00	\$ 26.48	\$ 21.60	\$ 36.54	\$ 40.72	\$ 149.18	\$ 4.80	\$ 4.80	\$ 4.80
DODM	\$ 16.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 13.77	\$ -	\$ 214.00
NGA	\$ -	\$ 2.00	\$ 9.60	\$ 25.88	\$ 25.67	\$ 478.33	\$ 473.40	\$ 22.90	\$ 22.90
OMA/OMAF	\$ 62.20	\$ 123.42	\$ 77.00	\$ 39.59	\$ 143.19	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
Air Force	\$ -	\$ 142.95	\$ 33.63	\$ 8.58	\$ 19.80	\$ 29.50	\$ 14.00	\$ -	\$ 192.00
Army (incl. BRAC)	\$ 105.00	\$ 151.85	\$ 38.66	\$ -	\$ 12.35	\$ 4.53	\$ -	\$ 7.30	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 183.20	\$ 420.22	\$ 158.89	\$ 74.05	\$ 241.73	\$ 971.54	\$ 565.97	\$ 95.00	\$ 493.70

Military Programs Priorities FY17

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- Next NGA West (N2W) Program
- Ft. Leonard Wood Hospital
- AF& Army SRM/OMA Support
- OCONUS Reach back Support
- Newly Planned Contract Tools



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NEXT NGA WEST (N2W) PROGRAM

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Program Scope:

- Replacement Facility in North St Louis
- Total Program Amount > \$1B
- Execution Period FY15 – FY23
- Primary Facility 800,000sf Secure Analytics

Design Acquisition:

- HDR, awarded Fall 2015
- Design-Build RFP under development



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NEXT NGA WEST (N2W) PROGRAM

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Construction Acquisition:

- Design-Build (2-Phase Selection)
- Phase 1 Solicitation Apr 17
- Phase 1 Selection Aug 17
- Phase 2 Solicitation Sep 17
- Phase 2 Selection Jul 18

Ancillary Contracts:

- Collaborative Project Workspace: Spring 17
- Construction Management Services: Fall 17
- Two small-business



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NEXT NGA WEST (N2W) PROGRAM

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Small Business Acquisition (FY18):

- Integrated Project Office (IPO)

Small Business Acquisitions (FY19):

- Visitor Control Center (VCC) Surface Parking Lot
- Access Control Points (ACP), 2 each
- Remote Inspection Facility (RIF)
- Landscaping



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Ft. Leonard Wood Hospital

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- Phase 1: 250,000 SF Hospital with inpatient services and ancillary facilities
 - Design Build
 - FY 18 award
 - Program Amount is \$250M
- Phase 2: Clinic Building and outpatient Services
 - FY2020



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SRM/INSTALLATION SUPPORT PROGRAM

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Increased SRM with AF and ARMY expected for FY2017 as compared to last few years. Forecasting ~50 actions, value >\$112M

Contract Tools: MATOCs, SATOCs, POCAs, AE's, JOCs

Mission Focus:

- Historic Build Renovation
- Building Renovation/Repurposing
- Housing Repairs/Maintenance
- Repaving project
- General infrastructure



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MILITARY IDIQ CONTRACT STATUS

Construction

Fort Leavenworth JOC (\$30M)

- June 2017 award

HUBZone MATOC (\$95M)

- Proposals received 31 May
- Source Selection in progress
- Award target has moved from August to September

Fort Leonard Wood 8(a) SATOC (\$25.5M) & POCAs

- New SATOC seed project identified – B1009
- POCA seed project identified – B980
- September 2017 awards

Small Business MATOC (\$95M)

- Planning and pre-solicitation tasks in progress
- Award moved to FY18

AE and Other Services

Value Engineering (\$9.5M)

- Small Business
- August 2017 award target

Military AE Design Services (\$9.5M)

- One Unrestricted, three Small Business
- Market Research, Acq Strategy and Synopsis in progress
- August 2017 award

N2W Construction Management Services (\$9.5M)

- Two to three contracts - Small Business
- Fall 2017 awards



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OCONUS REACHBACK SUPPORT

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Japan District (POJ)

- Kadena - AF Housing Infrastructure Repair, 3rd Qtr FY17, >\$50M
- Kadena – Upgrade Exterior Lighting \$5M

Transatlantic District (TAM)

- Afghanistan
- CENTCOM

NORTHCOM

- Chiapas
- Multiple Cell tower sites
- Puerto Cortez (Airfield, Waste Water, MOUT, Range)

Army Facility Components Systems

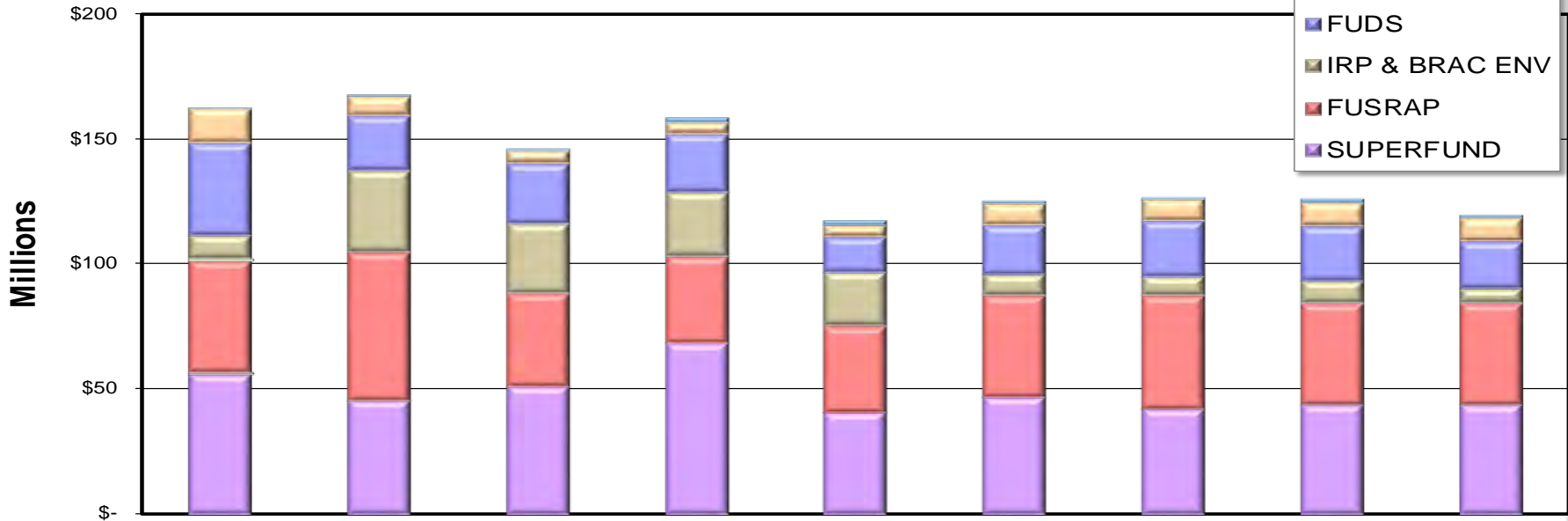
- Update and Maintain Contingency Facility designs



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NWK HTRW Program Trend Assessment



	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21
ENV IIS	\$ 0.45	\$ 1.04	\$ 0.76	\$ 2.13	\$ 1.84	\$ 1.30	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.00
EQ	\$ 13.52	\$ 7.59	\$ 5.13	\$ 4.83	\$ 4.90	\$ 8.50	\$ 8.50	\$ 9.50	\$ 9.50
FUDS	\$ 36.86	\$ 21.76	\$ 24.25	\$ 23.17	\$ 13.92	\$ 20.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 19.00
IRP & BRAC ENV	\$ 9.38	\$ 32.59	\$ 27.54	\$ 25.91	\$ 21.54	\$ 8.50	\$ 8.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 6.00
FUSRAP	\$ 44.00	\$ 58.91	\$ 36.90	\$ 34.20	\$ 34.20	\$ 40.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
SUPERFUND	\$ 55.87	\$ 45.51	\$ 51.22	\$ 68.21	\$ 40.99	\$ 47.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 44.00
TOTAL	\$ 160.08	\$ 167.40	\$ 145.80	\$ 158.45	\$ 117.39	\$ 125.30	\$ 126.50	\$ 126.00	\$ 119.50



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Environmental Program Priorities FY17

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- FUDS FY17 Funding Plus-Up is a strong potential. Dollar amount unknown.
- EPA FY18 Budget uncertain under new Administration.
- EPA National Contracting Strategy.
 - ✓ Long-Term: Impacts unknown. Fewer acquisitions possible.
 - ✓ Short-Term: Kansas City District anticipates little impact to the current business practices currently in-place.
- Acquisitions: Continue to ensure adequate contracts (type & capacity) are in-place to execute environmental mission.

*Current and Proposed Acquisition Actions Are Detailed Below:



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Environmental Program Priorities FY17

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On-going Acquisitions – AE Services (NAICS 541330)

- MEGA 8(a) Small Business A-E Services MATOC
 - \$6M value
 - Target of 3 firms
 - Proposals received and currently under evaluation
 - Anticipated Award June 2017

- MEGA Unrestricted A-E Services Contracts MATOC
 - \$120M pool
 - Target of 5 firms
 - Proposals received and currently under evaluation
 - Anticipated Award August 2017



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Environmental Program Priorities FY17

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Upcoming Acquisitions – AE Services (NAICS 541330)

- MEGA Small Business A-E Services MATOC
 - \$12M value
 - Target of 3 firms
 - Request for SF330s Anticipated June 2017
 - Anticipated Award December 2017

- MEGA HUBZONE AE Services MATOC
 - \$6M value
 - Target of 3 firms
 - Request for SF330s Anticipated July / August 2017
 - Anticipated Award January 2018



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Environmental Program Priorities FY17

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On-going Acquisitions – Preplaced Remedial Action Contracts (PRACs) (NAICS 562910)

- MEGA Unrestricted - PRAC MATOC
 - \$92.5M pool
 - Target of 5 firms
 - Proposals received and currently under evaluation
 - Anticipated Award August 2017

- Non-MEGA 8(a) PRAC SATOC
 - \$4M value
 - Anticipated award July 2017



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Environmental Program Priorities FY17

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Upcoming Acquisitions – PRACs (NAICS 562910)

– MEGA Small Business - PRAC MATOC

- \$88.125M value
- Target of 5 firms
- Anticipated RFP date 1st QTR FY18
- Anticipated award 4th QTR FY18

– MEGA SDVOSB - PRAC MATOC

- \$22.5M value
- Target of 5 firms
- Anticipated RFP date 1st QTR FY18
- Anticipated award 4th QTR FY18



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Environmental Program Priorities FY17

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Upcoming Acquisitions – PRACs (NAICS 562910)

- Non-MEGA site specific SATOC for the Welsbach Superfund Site
 - \$100M value
 - Target of 1 firm
 - Anticipated RFP date: 2nd Qtr. FY18
 - Anticipated award: 3rd Qtr. FY18



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Environmental Program Priorities FY17

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On-going Acquisitions – Environmental Remediation Services (ERS) (NAICS 562910)

- Two MEGA Small Business ERS MATOCs
 - \$60M value each
 - Target of 5 firms
 - AWARDED 28 April 2017

- Non-MEGA 8(a) ERS SATOC
 - \$4M value
 - June 2017



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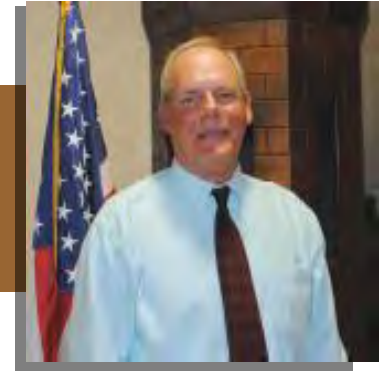


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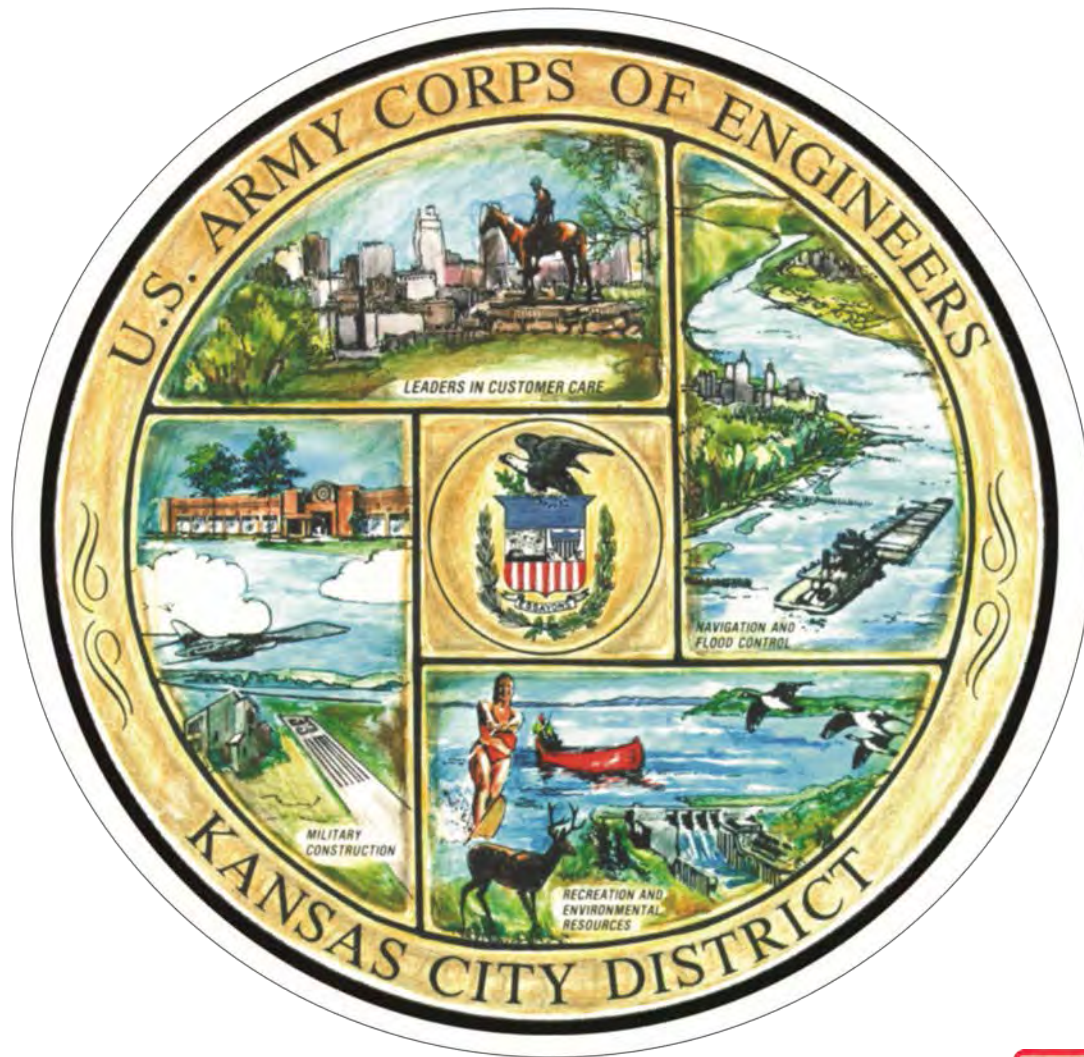
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5. PROCUREMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTERS: [HTTP://WWW.DLA.MIL/DB/PROCUREMENT.HTM](http://WWW.DLA.MIL/DB/PROCUREMENT.HTM)
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QUESTIONS



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Trump's Transportation Budget Runs Into Resistance From Both Parties

Democratic and Republican lawmakers are beginning to push back against President Trump's proposed budget for the Department of Transportation (DOT). At a June 15 hearing, lawmakers voiced concerns over proposed cuts to several popular DOT programs and Trump's proposal to give control of the country's air traffic control systems to a non-profit organization. However, lawmakers said such a plan would remove air traffic control from congressional oversight and reduce transparency. Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao, who testified at the hearing, said passengers would still be able to voice concerns to lawmakers under Trump's plan. Lawmakers also raised doubts about Trump's infrastructure proposals at the hearing, specifically paying for \$1 trillion in investments while cutting transportation funding from other areas.

Highway Trust Fund

ACEC's grassroots Action Alert e-mail campaign helped to persuade over 200 Members of Congress to sign onto the letter from Representatives Sam Graves (R-MO) and Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) to the House Ways & Means Committee in support of addressing the long-term financial stability of the Highway Trust Fund in any tax reform proposal. Over half of the U.S. House, including majorities from both political parties, has written a letter to the Ways and Means Committee calling for a way to secure funding for the Highway Trust Fund. The letter did not endorse any specific method, but it did ask for a "long-term, dedicated, user-based revenue stream."

Miscellaneous:

- Congress passed the FY'17 spending package that fully funds the FAST Act, increases funding for water infrastructure, funded key foreign assistance programs, and rejected most of the proposed cuts put forward by the White House.
- Senators Ben Cardin (D-MD) and John Boozman (R-AR) introduced legislation to expand funding to address combined sewer overflows and other problems associated with wet weather events, as well as expand QBS to drinking water projects funded through the State Revolving Fund (SRF) program.

Kansas Update:

New Tax plan:

Would raise an estimated additional \$591 million in FY2018 and \$633 million in FY2019. Key provisions in the CCR for SB30 included:

- Repeal of the income tax exemption for non-wage pass through business income effective January 1, 2017;
- Allow taxpayers to claim certain non-wage business income losses as allowed under federal tax law beginning in 2017;
- Repeal of the march to zero individual income tax;
- Increase individual income tax rates effective on January 1, 2017 utilizing a 3-bracket schedule of 2.9%, 4.9% and 5.2%, increasing on January 1, 2018 to 3.1%, 5.25% and 5.7%, on taxable income brackets of 0-\$30,000, \$30,001-\$60,000, and \$60,001 and above, respectively (it's also worth noting that while these rates are higher than the current 2-bracket schedule, they are still lower than what was in place in 2012 before the massive, and ill-advised tax cuts - 3.5%, 6.25%, and 6.45%);
- Reduce the low income exclusion threshold from \$12,500 to \$5,000 (married filing jointly) and from \$5,000 to \$2,500 (single filers) beginning January 1, 2018;
- Itemized deductions for medical expenses, mortgage interest and property taxes paid would be allowed at 50% of the federal allowable amount in 2018, increasing to 75% in 2019 and 100% in 2020 and thereafter;
- Reinstate the child care and dependent care tax credit at 12.50% of the federal allowable amount in 2018, increasing to 18.75% in 2019 and 25% in 2020 and thereafter; and
- Extend the sunset for the STAR bonds program from July 1, 2017 to July 1, 2020, imposing a moratorium; however, on creation of any new STAR bond districts in the first year of the 3-year extension (all STAR bond districts created prior to the one year moratorium could continue to use STAR bonds to develop projects in those districts).

School Finance Bill:

Both chambers adopted the CCR for SB19. The House voted 67-55 in favor, and the Senate agreeing 27-13, sending the bill to the Governor with the Court's June 30 deadline approaching.

Highlights of the new plan, designated in the bill as The Kansas School Equity and Enhancement Act, include:

- Provides additional funding of approximately \$195 million in school year 2017-18 and an additional sum of approximately \$100 million in school year 2018-19, resulting in a total infusion of nearly \$500 million over the next two school years ;
- Increases the base state aid per student to \$4,006 for school year 2017-18, \$4,128 for school year 2018-19, and adjusted each school year thereafter by the average Consumer Price Index-All Urban Consumers, Midwest (CPI) for the immediately preceding three school years;

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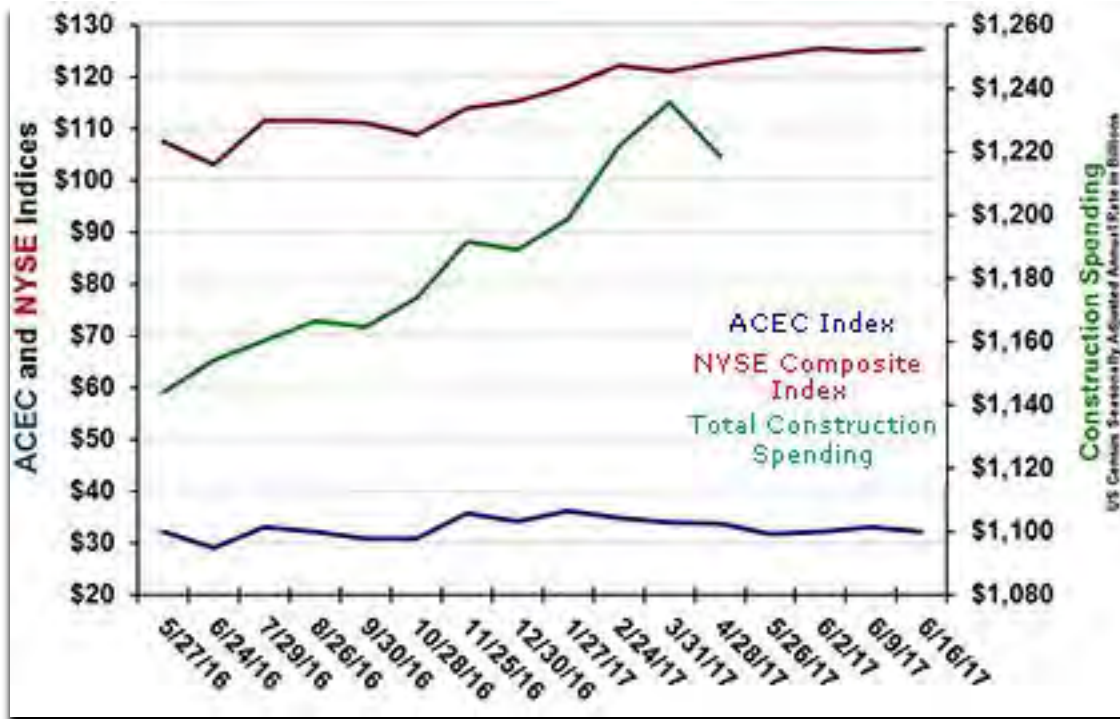
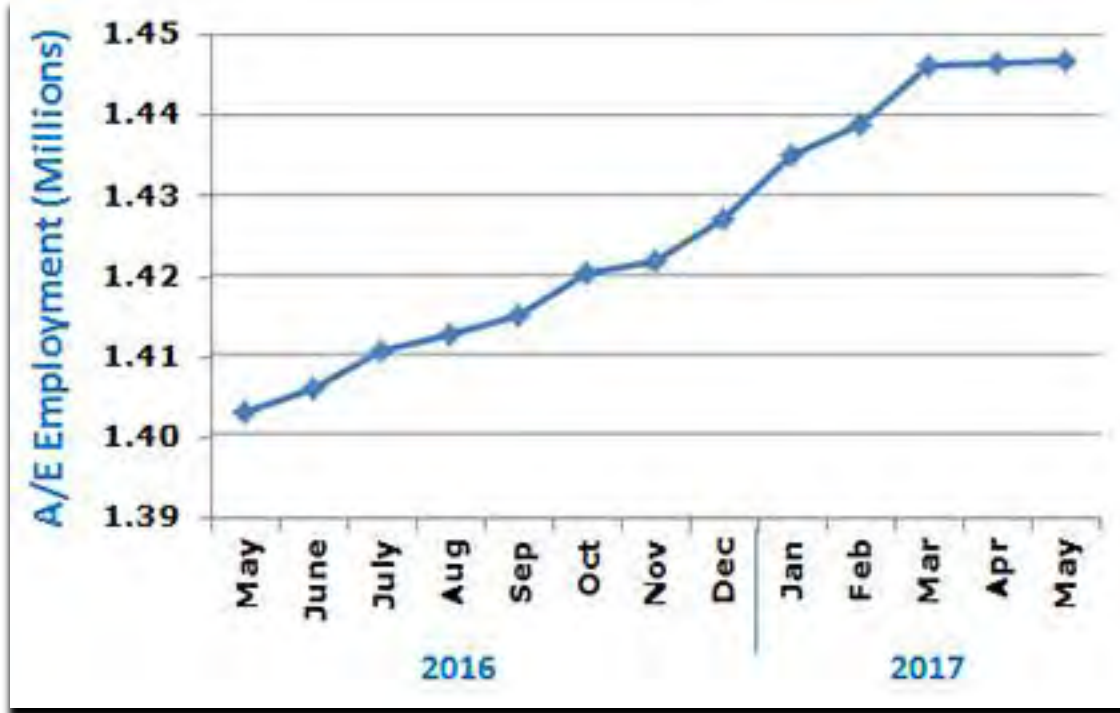
- Funds all-day kindergarten by counting students enrolled as 1.0 FTE (up from 0.5);
- Retains the local option budget (LOB) authority, capped at 33%, and increasing the artificial base amount used to calculate the LOB authority, currently \$4,490, according to the average CPI for the immediately preceding three school years;
- Reauthorized the 20 mill statewide property tax levy dedicated to K-12 funding for two years, retaining the \$20,000 homestead exemption;
- Continues to permit abatement of the 20 mills for purposes of economic development programs, but prohibits abatement of the 8 mill capital outlay levy;
- Continues to define "at risk" students as those who are eligible to receive free lunch, increases the weighting used to adjust the FTE count from 0.456 to 0.484 as recommended by Legislative Post Audit, and establishes a floor for a district's at-risk count at 10% of that district's total number of students;
- Adds utility fees, property and casualty insurance premiums, and maintenance costs associated with existing fixtures and permissible expenditures for which capital outlay funds may be used;
- Changes the Tax Credit for Low Income Students Scholarship Program by requiring private schools to be accredited by July 1, 2020 in order to participate in the Program, allowing individuals and LLC's to make contributions to the Program (previously only corporations could be contributors) subject to an annual cap of \$500,000; and
- Sunsets the formula on July 1, 2027.

State Budget :

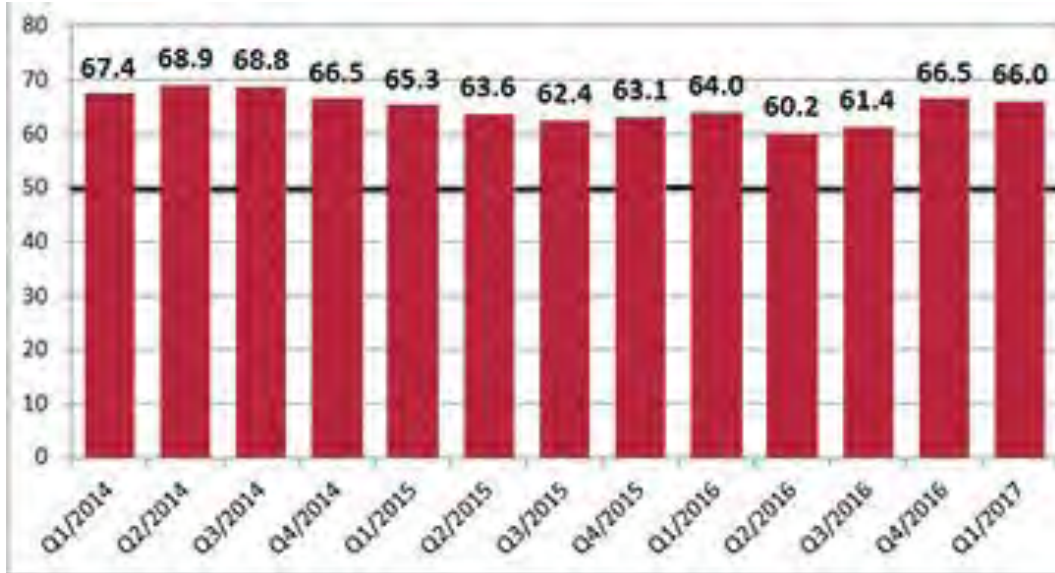
The bill provides for total spending of just over \$15.5 billion in FY2018, including nearly \$6.4 billion of state general funds. For FY2019, the budget anticipates a total of \$15.8 billion that includes about \$6.3 billion from the state general fund. The state is projected to have ending balances of approximately \$157 million (2.5%) and \$209 million (3.3%) for FY2018 and FY2019, respectively.

A few highlights in the upcoming budget:

- Eliminates 179.5 FTE positions from state government across the state;
- Provides most state employees their first pay raise in nine years, calling for a 2.5% increase for those having been employed by the state for fewer than five years, while those with over five years of service will receive a 5.0% increase;
- Includes additional funding for operation of the state's hospitals, including funds for 20 additional patient beds at Osawatomie State Hospital, as well as more funds for senior care, domestic violence prevention and safety net clinics;
- Increases the cap on KDOT's bonding authority by \$400 million, stipulating that bond funds raised be used for maintenance and repair of state transportation infrastructure over the next two years; and
- Restores some of the funding to KU and K-State that resulted from disproportionate cuts imposed on those universities during the last legislative session.



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CEO confidence is starting to plateau after the Administration's slow to implement of lower taxes, infrastructure investment, and regulatory reform.



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PARTNERING AGREEMENT**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) seek through this agreement to sustain a meaningful partnership between our organizations and among our member organizations. Our common purpose is to provide quality and responsive engineering and consulting services to the nation and the world.

Goals and Objectives of Our Partnering Agreement:

- Ensure an open and constructive dialogue between ACEC and USACE at all levels.
- Support the changing roles and needs of USACE and the engineering community.
- Foster an attitude that explores opportunities and strives to resolve issues in a win-win manner.
- Enhance professionalism and integrity throughout the design and construction industry.
- Promote improved business practices that enhance quality, value, sustainability, and a secure public infrastructure.
- Invest in the future by promoting training, continuing education, new technology, and research and development for design and construction of quality public infrastructure.
- Support qualifications-based selection for procurement of A/E services.
- Support the use of project delivery methods that best serve the public interest.
- Support a technically capable USACE and a strong U.S. engineering industry.
- Collaborate to expand U.S. business opportunities in the global marketplace.

This agreement is a framework for action to achieve the above goals and objectives. It updates the original partnering agreement signed on October 16, 1992, and last renewed on April 23, 2013. The agreement is hereby extended to May 2022, at which time it shall be reviewed to ensure that its goals and objectives are being pursued by both parties.

Agreed to this day, June 15, 2017

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