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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) National Flood Risk Management Program (NFRMP) Awards: Silver Jackets State Team of the Year

1. *Purpose.* The Silver Jackets State Team of the Year award recognizes an outstanding interagency team that exemplifies the goal of effective flood risk management by facilitating life-cycle risk management within the context of shared responsibility at all levels. This award seeks to recognize the efforts of state teams that manage flood risk through interagency communication, cooperation, coordination, and collaboration with federal, state, regional, tribal and local partners.
2. *Applicability.* This recognition process applies to all active and developing interagency flood risk management teams for which USACE participation is supported through NFRMP funding, regardless of whether the team is called Silver Jackets or has a signed charter.
3. *Policy.* The Silver Jackets State Team of the Year award seeks to recognize outstanding team achievement in one or more of the following: (a) implemented collaborative life-cycle flood risk management strategies that improved life safety and/or mitigated flood risk, including nonstructural and/or nature-based initiatives and interim risk management measures such as risk communication; (b) optimized the use of federal resources and leveraged additional state/local investment; and (c) reduced duplication of efforts or conflicting policies and/or improved processes among federal agencies.
4. *Nomination Procedures:*
 - a. Nominations must be prepared in accordance with the instructions herein and submitted electronically through the website, <https://awards.nfrmp.us>, on or before 31 March 2023. There is no requirement to coordinate team nominations through the USACE Major Subordinate Commands (MSC) or District Commanders. Teams and District Silver Jackets Coordinators should submit team nominations directly through the website using ENG Form 6128.
 - b. Teams may self-nominate and there is no limitation on how many states within an MSC can be nominated. Only one submission per state will be considered.

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c. The nominated Silver Jackets State Team of the Year must have had USACE participation and functioned as an interagency team for at least part of the **2022** calendar year. Nominations should cover accomplishments over the **2021-2022** calendar years.

5. *Selection Process.* Members of developing and active state teams will be invited to vote for their selection via a website. Individual team members will be able to register on the voting website and cast their vote within a period of no less than 30 days. Votes for a team with which the voter is affiliated will not be tallied.

6. *Award Notification and Presentation:*

a. Awardees will be recognized during an upcoming NFRMP flood risk management meeting or another appropriate interagency avenue. The team award recipients will be notified by their USACE Silver Jackets Coordinator, who will be notified through the USACE chain of command.

b. The Silver Jackets State Team award recipients will be presented with one award for the team. Upon request, a certificate for each team member will be provided. While contractors may be part of a selected team, Department of Defense guidance specifies that recognition or acknowledgement for "substantial" contractor efforts may only be in the form of a letter to the individual, to the individual's employer, or to both. Such letters may only be presented in an informal setting.

c. It should be noted that the awards are honorary and do not include monetary stipends.

7. Point of contact for this action is Dr. Stephanie Bray, stephanie.n.bray@usace.army.mil or 202-761-4827.

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Nomination Form



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