MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS

SUBJECT: Implementation Guidance for Section 1133 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2016 (WRDA 2016), Maintenance Dredging Data

1. Section 1133 of WRDA 2016 states the Secretary shall establish and maintain a publicly available database on maintenance dredging carried out by the Secretary including information on maintenance dredging carried out by federal and non-federal vessels. Section 1133 of WRDA 2016 is attached.

2. Guidance.

   a. The long-standing National Dredging Information System (DIS) database is an important tool for managing the Corps dredging program. The DIS is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) national database for recording dredging information for all maintenance, new work, and environmental dredging and dredging for hurricane and storm damage reduction projects. While Section 1133 requires that the following estimated and actual data for each maintenance dredging project and contract be included in the Corps public database on maintenance dredging, districts must continue to enter all required information in DIS:
      
      (1) The volume of dredged material removed;
      
      (2) The initial cost estimate of the Corps of Engineers;
      
      (3) The total cost;
      
      (4) The party and vessel carrying out the work; and
      
      (5) The number of private contractor bids received and the bid amounts, including bids that did not win the final contract award.

   b. The DIS database must provide timely and accurate data. Each division and district Chief of Operations or Construction/Operations should ensure that the DIS database is updated with the required information for all scheduled contract and government work by the 7th of each month. The results of bid openings must be entered immediately after the results are known, and actual data must be entered upon completion of work, with final quantities and costs to be updated upon final close-out of the contract. Information should be added to the DIS database for all solicitations,
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including those where either no bids were received or where all bids exceeded the Government Estimate by more than 25 percent.

3. Questions regarding this implementation guidance may be directed to Jeffrey McKee, Chief, Navigation and Operations Branch, at 202-761-8648 or jeffrey.a.mckee@usace.army.mil.

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SEC. 1133. MAINTENANCE DREDGING DATA.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish, maintain, and make publicly available a database on maintenance dredging carried out by the Secretary, which shall include information on maintenance dredging carried out by Federal and non-Federal vessels.

(b) SCOPE.—The Secretary shall include in the database maintained under subsection (a), for each maintenance dredging project and contract, estimated and actual data on—

(1) the volume of dredged material removed;
(2) the initial cost estimate of the Corps of Engineers;
(3) the total cost;
(4) the party and vessel carrying out the work; and
(5) the number of private contractor bids received and the bid amounts, including bids that did not win the final contract award.