



SECTION 595 PROGRAM – RURAL IDAHO

Environmental Infrastructure, Resource Protection and Development

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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Scope and Authority

- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) can partner with a non-federal sponsor (sponsor) to provide design and/or construction assistance in rural Idaho for water-related environmental infrastructure, resource protection and development projects.
- Typical projects include drinking water supply, treatment and distribution; wastewater collection and treatment; and surface water resource protection and development.
- Authority is provided by Section 595 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999 (P.L. 106-53), as amended.

Design and Construction Assistance

- The Corps may provide assistance upon receipt of a written request from a potential sponsor and when funding is available. Assistance may be in the form of design-only, design and construction, or construction-only for projects that are owned by public entities.
- Design and construction or construction-only projects require completion of an environmental assessment and a design review.
- Design and/or construction activities may be completed by the Corps or by the non-federal sponsor.
- Before engineering design and construction can begin, the Corps and sponsor negotiate and sign a Project Partnership Agreement that describes the cost-share requirements, real estate, and operations and maintenance responsibilities (See Project Costs below).
- Projects solely for the purpose of removing or remediating contamination related to any hazardous substances regulated under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act are not eligible for federal assistance under Section 595.



Project Costs

There is no maximum federal expenditure per project under the Section 595 program. The non-federal sponsor may receive credit for the reasonable costs of design work completed prior to entering into an agreement with the government.

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| Design and Construction | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs are shared 75 percent federal and 25 percent sponsor. • Sponsor must provide all lands, easements, rights-of-way, relocations and dredged material disposal areas (LERRDs) needed for project construction and maintenance. |
| Operation and Maintenance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsor is responsible for all project operation, maintenance, repair, replacement and rehabilitation costs when the project is completed. |

How to Request a Project

An example template to request assistance under Section 595 is provided on the reverse side of this information sheet.

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EXAMPLE REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

*Bret L. Walters
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Walla Walla District
201 North Third Street
Walla Walla, Washington 99362*

Dear Mr. Walters:

This letter is to request design and/or construction assistance from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under Section 595 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999, as amended, at (LOCATION).

(BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE NATURE OF THE WATER-RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE, RESOURCE PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.)

We understand that as a local sponsor under the Section 595 program, we are responsible for 25 percent of project design and construction costs. Our cost-share obligation would include provision of all lands, easements, rights-of-way, relocations and dredged material disposal areas required for the project. We intend to pursue budgetary actions so that funds are available to meet our cost sharing requirements. We would assume responsibility for operation and maintenance of the project upon completion.

The (NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR) has designated (NAME /PHONE NUMBER) as the point of contact for this project.

*Sincerely,
(NAME / TITLE OF OFFICIAL
AUTHORIZED TO REQUEST STUDY)*