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**Program Fact Sheet**  
**PLANNING ASSISTANCE TO STATES AND INDIAN TRIBES**  
Section 22 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1974, As Amended

**Authority and Scope:** Section 22 of the 1974 Water Resources Development Act provides authority for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Planning Assistance to the States (PAS) and Indian Nations. The program is used to prepare plans to manage water and related land resources. Federal appropriations vary from year to year; there is a maximum of \$2,000,000 which is allocated to each State or Indian Nation per year to work on PAS studies.

**Cost-Sharing**

- Costs are shared 50% Federal and 50% non-Federal.

**Types of Work That Can Be Done**

- Water Quality Studies
- Wetland Evaluation Studies
- Flood Plain Management Studies
- Coastal Zone Management/Protection Studies
- Harbor/Port Studies
- Or other water resource planning investigations are valid

**General**

- A Study Scope of Work, Cost Estimate, and Agreement must be developed and executed before the study can proceed.
- In-Kind Services can be used as the non-Federal cost share and must be agreed to prior to initiation of the study.
- Both non-Federal and Federal Section 22 funds must be secured before the study can proceed.
- The study can be funded on a Federal and non-Federal basis from year to year (Federal fiscal years run from October 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>).
- Construction cannot be done under the Section 22 authority.
- Site-specific structural designs and design specifications are not valid study types.

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ATTN: Planning Branch

Dear LTC Beaudoin:

This is in reference to the Corps of Engineers' Planning Assistance to States Program. We understand that the provisions of the Section 22 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1974, as amended, provides the authority for the Corps to assist in the preparation of comprehensive plans for the development, utilization, and conservation of water and related land resources. The **[name of state, Indian Nation, local government, or other non-Federal entity]** requests planning assistance for **[briefly describe problem or need, including, the name of water or waterway, and the location of the problem in county and state]**.

We understand that upon receipt of a letter requesting assistance from the Corps of Engineers, the Corps will prepare a Scope of Work and a cost estimate for a study. If the **[name of the municipality]** enters into an agreement to work on a Section 22 study we understand we will be responsible for 50 percent of study costs.

We would like to discuss the availability of information, required schedule and level of effort required in order to negotiate the appropriate Agreements required to initiate a Section 22 study. My point of contact for this effort is **[name and title]**. They may be contacted at **[phone number]**.

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