DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

CECW-ON

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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND DISTRICT COMMANDS, CHIEFS, CONSTRUCTION-OPERATIONS DIVISION

SUBJECT: Implementation of Section 213, Paragraph (a) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 (WRDA 2000) – Assistance Programs

1. Section 213 (a), of WRDA 2000, authorizes the Secretary of the Army to enter into cooperative agreements with non-Federal public and nonprofit entities for services relating to natural resources conservation or recreation management at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works projects to further training and educational opportunities. A copy of the legislative language is enclosed for your information (Enclosure 1).

2. I'm pleased to announce that, with the enactment of Section 213, the Corps is authorized to participate in an existing cooperative agreement that the Department of the Army has entered into with the Student Conservation Association. The U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity (USAMRAA) at Fort Detrick, Maryland, administers this agreement and coordinates the Army's participation in the program.

3. Major Subordinate Commands interested in utilizing Student Conservation Association services or requiring additional information should contact CECW-ON, Mr. Stephen Austin at (202) 761-1940 or Ms. Debra Stokes at (202) 761-7769.

4. The Corps will continue to identify other organizations that have capabilities similar to the SCA. As these organizations are identified, we will endeavor to enter into similar agreements and will advise you of our progress.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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SEC. 213. ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

(a) CONSERVATION AND RECREATION MANAGEMENT.—To further training and educational opportunities at water resources development projects under the jurisdiction of the Secretary, the Secretary may enter into cooperative agreements with non-Federal public and nonprofit entities for services relating to natural resources conservation or recreation management.

(b) RURAL COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE.—In carrying out studies and projects under the jurisdiction of the Secretary, the Secretary may enter into cooperative agreements with multistate regional private nonprofit rural community assistance entities for services, including water resource assessment, community participation, planning, development, and management activities.

(c) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—A cooperative agreement entered into under this section shall not be considered to be, or treated as being, a cooperative agreement to which chapter 63 of title 31, United States Code, applies.