

PLANNING CENTER OF EXPERTISE ROLE

An USACE planning center of expertise will primarily focus on plan formulation and the complex technical evaluation associated with the plan formulation. The center will provide support in the following areas:

- The center will provide consulting services and at the direction of HQUSACE the center would accomplish very costly, highly complex and controversial studies or key analytical components of very costly, highly complex and controversial studies.
- The center would provide accomplishment of key analytical components of studies as directed by the Planning Chiefs Advisory Board for multi-region/national efforts.
- The center would provide independent review support, to supplement the capabilities of the MSC regional planning expertise centers. This would be especially important in those cases where an MSC can not satisfy the inter-district review requirement when the expertise within the MSC is limited to a single physical location.
- The center would provide advice to HQUSACE, the laboratories and other stakeholders on significant regional and nation-wide planning issues.
- The center would assist in establishing research and development priorities in the mission area, coordinating the recommendations of the Planning Chiefs Advisory Board and with the established MSC lead that coordinates the review of research and development initiatives for the mission area.
- The center would be a proponent for training opportunities related to the assigned mission area.
- The center would manage a program of sharing lessons through coordination with the MSC regional planning expertise centers, sponsoring workshops and technology transfer.
- The center would supplement the HQUSACE staff in policy compliance review on projects where the center has had no prior participation, on an as requested reimbursable basis at times of very high workload such as before a potential WRDA.
- The center would enhance basic planning expertise throughout the Corps by providing shadowing opportunities of individuals with specialized planning expertise.

