

# USACE Navigation Program National Perspective

*Briefing for Eastern WEDA meeting*

Jim Walker

Navigation Program Manager

October 9, 2012



US Army Corps of Engineers  
BUILDING STRONG®



## 1. Exciting Times!

- Congress: Post Panamax Report
- MAP 21 'Sense of Congress'
- White House: Task Force on Navigation
- White House: 'We Can't Wait' Executive Order
- Election discussions - Infrastructure



BUILDING STRONG®

## Sec. 1537 Estimate of Harbor Maintenance Needs

For fiscal year 2014 and each fiscal year thereafter, the President's budget request ...shall include -

- (1) an estimate of the nationwide average availability, expressed as a percentage, of the authorized depth and authorized width of all navigation channels authorized to be maintained using appropriations from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund that would result from harbor maintenance activities to be funded by the budget request; and



## Sec. 1537 Estimate of Harbor Maintenance Needs

- (2) an estimate of the average annual amount of appropriations from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund that would be required to increase the average availability to 95 percent over a 3-year period.



## 2. President's Budgets

(\$million)

Pres Bud	Coastal	Inland	Nav	CW total	Nav Percent
<b>FY13</b>	<b>\$967</b>	<b>\$780</b>	<b>\$1747</b>	<b>\$4731</b>	<b>37</b>
FY12	\$832	\$744	\$1575	\$4631	34
FY11	\$873	\$779	\$1652	\$4939	33
FY10	\$971	\$796	\$1767	\$5125	35
FY09	\$969	\$931	\$1900	\$4741	40
FY08	\$957	\$1052	\$2009	\$4900	41



BUILDING STRONG®

## FY 12 and 13

- FY12
  - ▶ Congress: \$250M Pots of Funds
  - ▶ Supplemental for the Great Flood of 2011 enabled us to address the Drought of 2012
  - ▶ Lots of press coverage – Value to Nation
- FY13
  - ▶ President's Budget increased Coastal O&M
  - ▶ Approp: Senate \$54M Pot; House \$1B HMTF
  - ▶ 6 month Continuing Resolution
  - ▶ Sequestration in Jan 2013? We'll see...



6

BUILDING STRONG®

### 3. Navigation Strategic Vision 2012 Edition

- March 2012 Workshop
- Corps and Stakeholders
- 47 Initiatives – prioritized
  - ▶ 11 Top Priority
  - ▶ 5 Next Up
  - ▶ 2 Low Hanging Fruit
- Framework – 4 Groups led by 2 MSC Nav Managers



### 3. Navigation Strategic Vision 2012 Edition

- Communicate Nav System Value (NAD & LRD)
- Deliver Nav Products Efficiently (SAD & MVD)
- Nav Integration with Freight Movement (SWD & POD)
- Strengthen Nav Knowledge and Workforce (NWD & SPD)



## Dredging For Executives

- Audience: New District Commanders
- Purpose: Introduce dredging to executive level with little experience in this area
- Quick overview and focused additional modules
- Leader: Tom Verna
- Need: Photos for the video



## 4. Other Topics

### Civil Works Transformation

- Planning studies: 3x3x3
  - ▶ Push pre-solicitation discussions as milestone
- Infrastructure Strategy
  - ▶ Replace, Recapitalize, Retire, Divest
- Budget Development:
  - ▶ Watersheds and HMTF
- Methods of Delivery:
  - ▶ Contributed funds – streamline process
- Bottom Line: Make it Sustainable!



## How Can You Help?

- Discuss Navigation 'Value to Nation'
- Be understanding and responsive to data calls
- Recruit team members for Nav Initiatives



11

BUILDING STRONG®

## Why should farmers care about transportation?

Because our international competitiveness depends on it.

Costs of transporting soybeans: U.S. vs. Brazil  
(per metric ton; 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, 2010)

	Davenport to Shanghai	Sioux Falls to Shanghai	N. Mato Grosso to Shanghai
Land: Truck	\$8.94	\$8.94	\$120.12
Land: Barge/Rail	\$31.85 (Barge)	\$50.31 (Rail)	-----
Ocean	\$55.46	\$29.25	\$31.67
Total Transport	\$96.25	\$88.50	\$151.79
Farm Value	\$399.16	\$385.56	\$413.46
Landed Cost	\$495.41	\$474.06	\$566.25
Transport as % of Landed Cost	19.4%	18.7%	26.9%

Source: USDA



# Closing

What do we do?  
Provide Navigation  
infrastructure that is Reliable,  
Efficient and Resilient.

Why is it important?  
This infrastructure enables  
American goods to compete in  
the Global marketplace



BUILDING STRONG®