

# Navigation Gateway Initiative (NGI) - Content Subject Matter Experts (SMEs)

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# What and Who?

- What is the NGI
  - This tool is to improve communication within the Navigation community and preserve the organization's institutional knowledge.
- Who is responsible for it?
  - Gateway Director / Program Manager
    - Kathleen Perales - ERDC
  - Web Master
    - Virginia (Ginny) Dickerson - ERDC
  - Technical Coordinator
    - Greg Dreaper - BowHead / Mobile District USACE
  - Steering Committee and/or Subject Matter Experts (SMEs)
    - Comprised of both inland and coastal survey and navigation committees with a strong group of GIS professionals
    - To date:
      - Poiroux, Duane B SAM
      - LaDue, Denise R LRL
      - Vessels, Barry E LRL
      - Aidala, James A MVR
      - Collins, Brian S LRH
      - Proudft, Daniel NWP
      - Urdike, Timothy D SWG
      - Hood, Thomas E LRN
      - Swiatek, David M LRB
      - Kline, Patrick F NWK
      - Milholland, Mark
      - Faircloth, Adam G SAW
      - Clarke, Douglas G ERDC-EL-MS
      - Lichy, David E IWR
      - Morrison, Duane N ERDC-TEC-VA
      - Prestien, Sarah SWT

# USACE Navigation Mission Statement

- To provide safe, reliable, efficient, effective and environmentally sustainable waterborne transportation systems for movement of commerce, national security needs, and recreation
  - Supporting navigation by maintaining and improving channels was the Corps of Engineers' earliest Civil Works mission, dating to Federal laws in 1824 authorizing the Corps to improve safety on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers and several ports. Maintaining channels means keeping them at specified depths and widths by dredging and other means. ( <http://www.usace.army.mil/missions/water.html> )
- Headquarters' goal is for the Navigation Gateway to develop into an indispensable tool for both our public, partners and the USACE employees.
  - How can we meet this request and what will be the Steering Committees mission statement?

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# Focus Audiences

The screenshot shows the 'Navigation Gateway' website. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Home, Visitors, About, Partners, Learning, DMAs, Tools, News/Events, Submit, and Search. Below the menu is a search bar and a 'Google OPS & Reg Gateway' button. The main content area is titled 'Navigation Notes' and contains a 'Welcome to the Navigation Community' message. The message states: 'The USACE Navigation Mission: To provide safe, reliable, efficient, effective and environmentally sustainable waterborne transportation systems for movement of commerce, national security needs, and recreation.' Below this, there is a link to 'Navigation BMD: Overview of CHED'. To the left of the main content, there are two vertical lists of links: 'Communities of Practice' and 'Business Processes'. To the right, there are sections for 'Quick Links' and 'Navigation eNews'. At the bottom right, there is a 'Contacts' section with links to 'Navigation InetLink' and 'Field Office Directory'. The footer of the page includes the text 'Mobile District Spatial Data Branch' and the USACE logo.

# Administrative Requirements

- Program Management Business Plan
  - Need to develop
- Memo to the Steering Committee
  - Define the purpose and function of the steering committee
- Steering Committee will need to define focus areas for development
  - Identify SMEs for these focus groups
- Develop distribution contact list.



# Phase Development

- The development and deployment of the various components of the Navigation gateway will be phased in over time.
  - The recreation business area components identified for initial deployment were:
    - Visitor Assistance Program
    - Visitor Center Program
    - Career Development
    - Recreation User Fees
    - Interpretive Services and Outreach
    - OMBIL/recreation
    - Recreation Management Support Program and Leadership Advisory Team
    - Recreation Area Modernization Program
    - Uniform Program
    - Cooperative Agreement for Law Enforcement Services
    - Service Contracts
  - Can we outline a possible development listing for the navigation business line?
    - Do the components need individual working groups? Who are our people working to ensure Navigation moves forward?
      - Lock Master Team
      - Deep Draft Team
      - Harbor Masters / Pilots associations
      - Rangers
      - Floating Plant inventory Team
      - National Levee Database



## Possible Beginnings

- Taxonomies
  - Definitions needed or point to existing sources
    - Surveying
      - » Need links to the data
    - Dredging
    - Coastal
    - Inland
    - Infrastructure
      - » Floating Plants
      - » Locks and Dams
- No duplication of data.



## Questions for the Group

- What other links do we need to add to the pages?
- Who are the points of contacts for each section/division?
- What are your opinions on easier ways to search through the site?
- What other features would you like added to the page (Ex. Calendar)?
- Would you want to list News and Events on the public site?
- What areas of the site would users search?
- Who would access to add or make changes/updates to the site?



## Questions and Discussion

- Conference location
  - Any upcoming conference for possible meeting of the Steering Committee?
- Where do we go from here?

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