For the past several years we have had the opportunity to place Corps individuals on the House and Senate Energy & Water Appropriations subcommittee staffs in very critical and challenging developmental assignments.

With the anticipated passage of our FY 09 Civil Works appropriations (probably in late January), and the adjournment of the 110th Congress, the current individual will be returning to her normal duty station having had a very unique and rewarding experience. As the new calendar year begins, it is anticipated that the staffs will once again open an opportunity for the Corps to provide a developmental assignment to one or more members of our team. The timing and duration of the assignment is subject to some negotiation, but can be expected to run from the beginning of February 2009, through passage of the FY 2010 appropriations.

This is an incredible opportunity for some energetic and self-motivated members of the Corps, with leadership aspirations, to see (and particapte in, first hand) the workings of the Congress and the fruition of all the hard efforts that go into the development of the Civil Works program. This is a challenging assignment requiring a dedicated individual with a commitment to excel. The importance and value of this position to the Corps cannot be overstated. Our past team members have done an outstanding job in these positions. We need to sustain this mark of excellence in our future selections. If you believe you have a viable candidate for this position, please submit a brief one page resume on your nominees for consideration. The resume should include the individual's Corps Civil Works background and experience and their knowledge of the Congressional process as well as experience with Congressional members. For nominations from a District, the resume is to be accompanied by the DPM's assessment of the nominee's qualifications. All nominations received from an MSC are required to have the Director of PM's assessment of their qualifications. Nominations from HQs are to be accompanied by an SES's assessment of the nominee's qualifications.

As in the past, travel and per diem costs are borne by HQs. Labor is to be covered by the home office of the individual.

Nominations are to be submitted to Jennifer Greer, CECW-IF, NLT 19 Dec. Potential candidates will come to HQUSACE and interview with the Committee - likely in early January. The Committee will likely make a decision immediately after that. We will make every effort to have selected individuals notified a minimum of 30 days prior to their scheduled report date, however it may be closer to 3 weeks. Typically, individuals are asked to report prior to the release of the President's budget in February, however, this year could be a bit different with both a new President and new Congress.

We very much appreciate your personal attention to finding the right nominees from your organization for these strategic developmental assignments.

Please feel free to contact me (or have nominees contact me) as I have both served as one of these detailees in the past and also have the most direct interaction with the current detailees serving in the past few years.

Thanks, Jennifer Greer

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