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Civil Works Directorate

Dear Sir/Madam:

Our Nation requires effective and sustainable solutions for current and future water resource needs. Aging infrastructure, decreased funding, increased demands on water resources caused by population expansion, and an added focus on environmental needs and climate change will only increase the criticality of developing and maintaining our Nation's water resources and related infrastructure.

In search of sustainable, affordable, and integrated water resource planning, we created a team to summarize and compile key aspects of water resource plans at the state and regional level. The field research, supported by interviews and collaborative discussions with key individuals in each state will be followed by regional conferences to discuss the results from the data collection. The goal is to identify and leverage opportunities for collaborative efforts and to create a joint national dialogue for water priorities with states, tribes, and the federal resource agencies.

I ask for your assistance in this effort. First, please identify a contact person in your organization with whom the team can correspond concerning your efforts on water resource planning. Please email this person's contact information to: [crswrf@usace.army.mil](mailto:crswrf@usace.army.mil). Second, we ask for you or your representative to participate in the Western Region regional conference in April 2009 and the national conference in August 2009 to discuss the results and help identify future opportunities for more effective and collaborative water resource planning and management. For further questions, contact Ms. Ada Benavides at (202) 761-0415.

Your suggestions on this important initiative are welcome. I expect the final report of the project to be complete in December 2009. Thank you for your time and support of this important effort.

Sincerely,

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Director of Civil Works