



**US Army Corps
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Rock Island District



Where We Work



The Rock Island District

has been serving this vital region of the Midwest and the Mississippi Valley Division for more than 140 years. The Quad Cities has been our home since 1892. We are a long-term partner with our stakeholders, communities, and customers of five states committed to serving five major river basins.

The construction of the 4½-foot navigation channel led to the authorization of the 6-foot channel in 1907 which subsequently led to the authorization of the 9-foot channel in the 1930s. Each project gradually changed and expanded the boundaries of the Rock Island District. Navigation improvements on the Upper Mississippi River as well as the Illinois Waterway and civil works mission along both rivers and their tributaries, such as the Des Moines and Iowa rivers, created the modern Rock Island District as it stands today.

The Rock Island District covers more than 78,000 square miles in Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Missouri. It has responsibility for 314 miles of the Mississippi River and 268 miles of the Illinois Waterway and their tributaries. More than 800 people work within the District including the headquarters office and 27 field operating sites.

For 150 years, the Rock Island District has served to provide civil works programs to the Midwest, the Mississippi River Valley and the Nation. It stands ready to deliver vital engineering and water resource solutions in collaboration with our partners to secure our Nation, reduce disaster risk and enhance quality of life, providing value to the region and Nation.

DOING BUSINESS WITH OUR DISTRICT

The Rock Island District Small Business Program ensures that small businesses have the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in Rock Island District acquisitions through contracts or subcontracts. The District's program provides outreach to inform small businesses on how to do business with us.

The Program also provides advice and assistance to the Rock Island District workforce on all aspects of the Small Business Program. The involvement of small business concerns in our military and civil works programs is vital to the mission of the Army and to the nation's economic prosperity. Rock Island District is committed to developing small business concerns, providing procurement opportunities, training and counseling businesses for success, and establishing a broad base of capable suppliers to support the Army's mission.

NEXT STEPS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

1. Research our mission and what we buy.
 - Use FPDS, FBO or other resources to determine our main procurements.
 - Determine potential for credit card purchases for your products/services.
 - Review list of top NAICS codes procured at our website.
2. Identify current/future contracting opportunities.
 - Review forecasted procurements at our website.
 - Review notices and solicitations on www.fbo.gov under Specific Agency/Office search: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/USACE District, Rock Island
3. Respond to sources sought notices/requests for information.

The district uses these extensively for market research purposes, and does use to determine availability of small businesses.
4. Understand the small business program and potential Mentor Protégé programs available.
5. Request a marketing meeting with the Deputy, Small Business Programs.
 - Discuss your capabilities and how they match the district's needs based on your research.
 - Discuss potential subcontracting opportunities.
 - Review opportunities for various set asides, and our district's small business goals.

CONNECT WITH US

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