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Sacramento District to manage national math, science education program

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Sacramento District finalized a blanket purchase agreement Sept. 21 with MYI Consulting of Chester, Penn., to host educational outreach events for the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Awareness (STEM) Program which is supported by the Corps.

The program's goal is to stimulate interest and academic achievement in science, engineering and math among underrepresented kindergarten through high school students. STEM learning events might include one-on-one mentoring with Corps engineers and scientists, guided explorations of Corps projects like dams or environmental restoration efforts, or presentations on Corps career options for students, parents and teachers.

"The Corps views these students as our legacy, not just for us but for America," said Lt. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp, commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. "They represent our nation's next great leaders in technology."

The agreement streamlines the process by which each of the Corps' 49 districts and other federal agencies that have an interagency agreement with the Corps can request MYI Consulting to host a formal two day STEM themed event on their behalf. While each agency will pay for its own events, the agreement allows them to quickly and easily secure MYI's services through the Sacramento District, without having to negotiate contracts individually.

"This program allows us to broaden our STEM education outreach to underrepresented students through a nationwide effort that will help further the education needed today to meet the engineering challenges of tomorrow," said Van Antwerp.

"We're proud to be managing this program for the Corps and the nation," said Sacramento District commander Col. William Leady. "As America's engineers, we've got an important part in mentoring our future technology leaders. This agreement lets us spend less time on the paperwork and more time sharing our passion for the sciences with tomorrow's engineers."

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District provides planning, engineering, project management, environmental restoration and construction services to military and civilian customers in parts of eight western states, including California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Oregon and Wyoming.

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