

# Two Paths to Annual USACE Funding

	<b>PATH 1: Administration's Budget</b>	<b>PATH 2: Workplan</b>
<b>Timing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decisions made in Oct/Nov through a process called "passback"</li> <li>Released following Feb, actual funding dependent upon final E&amp;W Approps bill late in the calendar year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Typically released 45 days after E&amp;W approps bill signed by President</li> <li>Corps starts unofficially compiling a draft list well in advance of congressional action</li> </ul>
<b>Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Performance based budget</li> <li>2.5 BCR or higher with 7% discount rate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determined by Congress, but typically favors projects that have previously been funded, have the ability to complete a project or a separable element of a project within the fiscal year or projects that have a high risk to population, economy or public infrastructure</li> </ul>
<b>Pros</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Puts projects into the appropriations pipeline</li> <li>Not considered earmarks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opportunity to fund projects NOT included in President's budget</li> <li>Typically includes a handful of new starts for studies and construction</li> </ul>
<b>Cons</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Very constrained and only a limited number of projects are proposed</li> <li>Very few new start studies or construction projects are proposed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Once the list is developed, Congressional pressure has minimal impact</li> <li>Executive Branch has complete discretion</li> </ul>

**Key Players:** OMB; ASA; Corps District, division and HQ, IWR, Congress