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Programmatic Agreements Every Day Counts 2 (EDC2)

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What is a Programmatic Agreement?

- Establishes a streamlined process for handling routine environmental requirements for commonly encountered project types
- Sets procedures for consultation, review and compliance with one or more federal laws
- Allows repetitive actions to be considered on a program basis rather than project by project



Examples/Types of Programmatic Agreements

- Cultural/Historic Preservation
 - Section 4(f) programmatic evaluations
 - “No potential to affect historic properties” memos
- Natural Resource Protection
 - ESA/Wetland Programmatic agreements
- NEPA/Environmental Review
 - Interagency Memoranda of Agreement/ Understandings



Benefits

- Programmatic agreements result in time savings, compliance, and quality outcomes by:
 - Clearly specifying roles and responsibilities including review time frames
 - Standardizing coordination, quality control/quality assurance and compliance procedures
 - Allowing limited staff and resources to be more focused and effective
 - Facilitating the development of trust relationships



Progress made under EDC1 Programmatics

- Total Agreements (MOA, MOU and PA): 403
 - Programmatics: 280
 - MOA: 86
 - MOU: 37
- Agreements initiated
 - Pre- EDC 1: 247
 - Updating during EDC1: 101
 - New under EDC1: 56





Objectives and Goals of EDC2 Programmatic Agreements

- Continue to build on the success of EDC1 by expanding on existing agreements
- Streamline processes
- Focus on state and regional agreements with the US Army Corps of Engineers and the US Fish and Wildlife Service
- Leadership support



Highlighted Programmatic

- Nebraska: “Matrix” for ESA
- Washington: ESA Programmatic Consultation
- National: Program Comment under Section 106 of the NHPA for Post -1945 Bridges



Workshops and Summits

	EDC2 Innovation Summits	Practitioner Level Programmatic Agreement Workshops
Targeted Audience	Leadership - CEOs of DOTs, local and regional transportation agencies and design and construction associations, Regulatory/Resource Agency Managers	Practitioner Level (Env. and Planning staff at Divisions and DOTs, Regulatory and Resource Agency Staff)
Subject	Of the 13 New Initiatives, 8 <u>including</u> this Programmatic Agreements II initiative	Programmatic Agreements <u>only</u>
Objective	Focused on shortening the time needed to complete highway projects through the use of new technologies and innovative processes.	Proactively advance programmatic approaches with the resource and regulatory agencies. The goal is to facilitate environmental review.
Number and Timing of Events	8 Summits, October thru December of 2012	10 Workshops; 2 are in September & 8 after Jan 2013



Regional Practitioners Programmatic Workshops

- Goals:

- Increase understanding of existing programmatic
- Disseminate best practices through discussion
- Identify regional interests/needs for programmatic
- Work in interagency groups to proactively advance programmatic approaches



EDC2- Programmatic Performance

- Commitments to work on Programmatic
 - Region
 - States
 - New or updates
- Steps to develop performance measures after the Summits



EDC2- Programmatic Performance Measures

- Administrative and Project Level
 - Time saving
 - Cost saving
- Performance by:
 - Federal agencies
 - Topics
 - States





Additional Resources

- Additional information on FHWA- EDC 2 website
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/everydaycounts/edctwo/2012/patwo.cfm>
- AASHTO CEE Updated Programmatic Agreement Library & Toolkit:
http://environment.transportation.org/center/products_programs/programmatic_agreement.aspx
- FHWA Streamlining Website, State Practices:
<http://environment.fhwa.dot.gov/strmlng/es3stateprac.asp>
- TRB report on “Agency Use of and Approach to FHWA Approved Programmatic Agreements”
[http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/archive/NotesDocs/25-25\(13\)_FR.pdf](http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/archive/NotesDocs/25-25(13)_FR.pdf)
- State Transportation Liaison Funded Positions Study
<http://environment.fhwa.dot.gov/strmlng/fundedPositionsReport/report.asp>
- FHWA internal sharepoint site: EDC-Shortening Project Delivery/Expanding Use of Programmatic Agreements (has all PAs listed)