



Silver Jackets

Guidance Implementation Workshops
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Silver Jackets: Many Agencies, One Solution

Silver Jackets – An NFRMP Tool

- Silver Jackets is the **state-level** implementation of National Flood Risk Management Program
 - <http://www.iwr.usace.army.mil/nfrmp/>
- SJ is a key mechanism for achieving the interagency coordination necessary to fulfill the goals of NFRMP:
 - **Provide current and accurate floodplain information to the public and decision makers,**
 - Identify and assess flood hazards posed by aging flood damage reduction infrastructure,
 - **Improve public awareness and comprehension of flood hazards and risk,**
 - **Integrate flood damage and flood hazard reduction programs across local, state, and Federal agencies,** and
 - Improve capabilities to collaboratively deliver and sustain flood damage reduction and flood hazard mitigation services to the nation.

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Pilot Team Experience

*“Silver Jackets allows the **State and Federal partners to work seamlessly...and anticipate needs during disaster events.***

*The Silver Jackets program **maximizes the funding** available...throughout the state and allows the team members to work together in a synergistic manner, tapping into one another's needs and capabilities, thus **creating...services that otherwise would not be available** to the local governmental entities or the citizens.*

*The program allows the partner agencies to look ahead and identify potential challenges and identify **solutions to address those challenges before they happen.**”*

Manuela Johnson, Indiana Dept of Homeland Security

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Goals

- Create or supplement a **continuous** mechanism to **collaboratively** solve state-prioritized issues and **implement or recommend** those solutions
- Facilitate strategic **life-cycle** planning to reduce flood risk
- Improve and increase **flood risk communication** and outreach; present a unified interagency message

Approach

- Improve processes and identify gaps and counteractive programs
- Leverage resources and information - Learn about programs and how to combine, “patchwork quilt”
- Provide Federal assistance in implementing **state priorities**, such as high priority actions identified in states’ mitigation plans
- Not intended to duplicate similar efforts
 - Supplement successful teams
 - Strengthen existing relationships
 - Establish relationships where they don’t exist

Structure

- Typical Lead Facilitators:
 - USACE District, FEMA Region, State NFIP Coordinator, and State HMO
 - In States with multiple USACE Districts,
 - One District will lead for USACE, responsible for coordinating with other Districts and facilitating their participation.
 - Leads may change or rotate as priorities evolve.
- Membership may expand or contract as needed to benefit team goals
 - Charter signatories may be core team or broader group

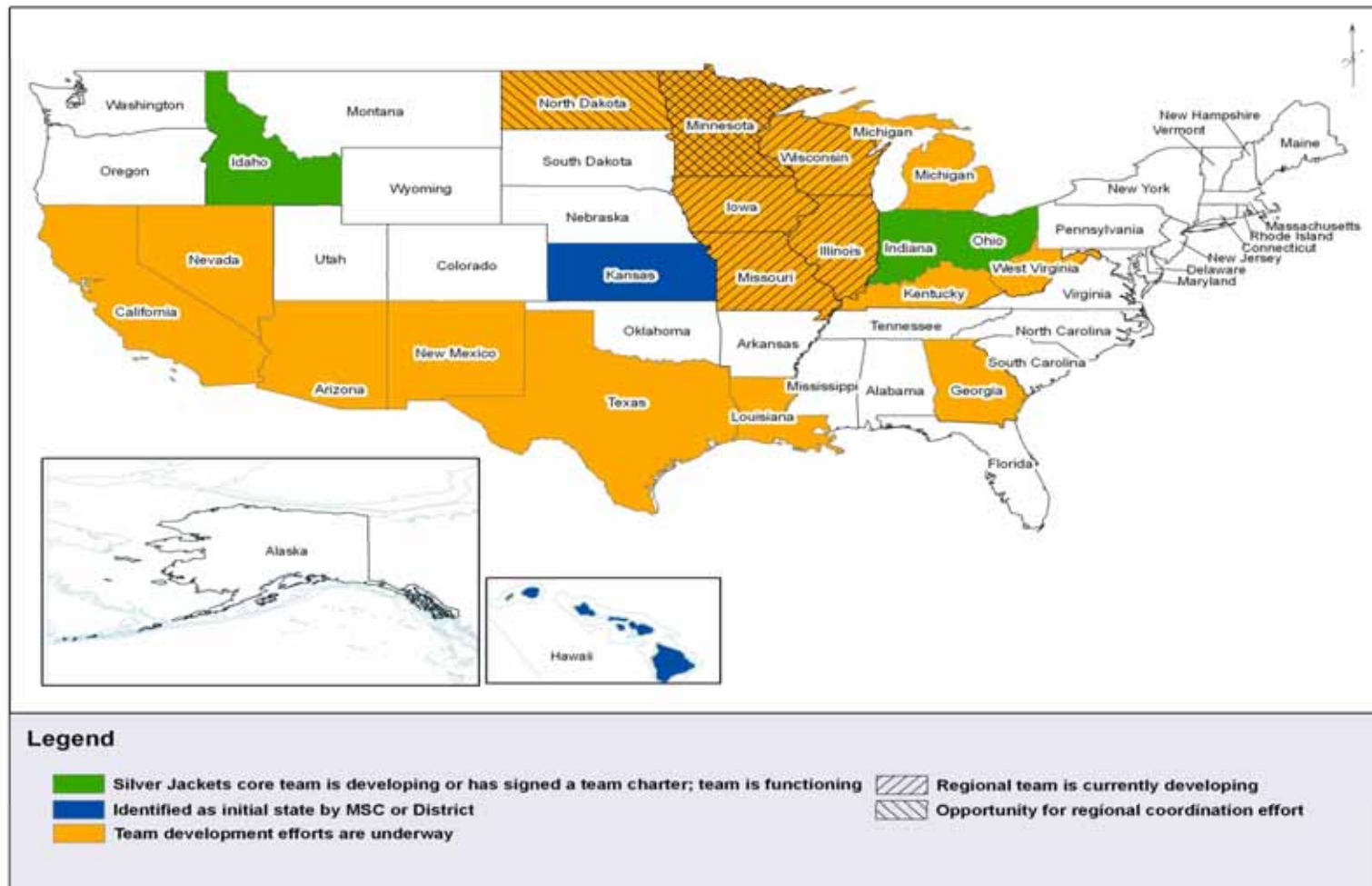
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Current Status



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Select FY09 Silver Jackets Team Experiences

- ILTF states
 - Illinois
 - Missouri
 - Iowa
 - Wisconsin
 - Indiana
- Idaho
- North Dakota

Suggested Initial Steps

- FEMA regional office
- USACE/FEMA meeting with state, including NFIP and HMO Example topics to discuss may include,
 - Similar state teams on which to expand
 - Other Federal and state agencies that should be part of the team.
 - Potential team focus areas, such as priorities identified in the state hazard mitigation plan, floodplain mapping, levee safety, emergency response processes, or public communication.
- Team charter
 - Core team or full team as signatories
- Team's initial strategy, focus area and/or activities

Ongoing Silver Jackets POC responsibilities

- Internal Coordination
 - Within home District
 - Inform all relevant organizational elements of SJ work
 - Be the link between pertinent District programs and standing Silver Jackets team as state priorities evolve
 - With other states' SJ POCs within District AOR
 - Within Silver Jackets community
 - Website, Spring workshop, periodic conference calls
- External Coordination
 - Continually seek collaborative solutions to state priorities

Elements of Silver Jackets Framework

- Name of the MSC Silver Jackets Program POC
 - same as FRMP PM or separate?
- Prioritized recommendation of the state(s) in which to initiate Silver Jackets team(s).
- Selection of District team lead(s).
 - The District lead may change or rotate as team priorities evolve.
- For states within more than one MSC or District AOR, a short description of the planned approach to coordination between MSCs and/or Districts.
- Suggested initial steps, or alternative approach
 - Potential roadblocks and how they will be addressed
 - Whose support or endorsement is needed

Elements of Silver Jackets Framework

- Cost estimate for MSC/District for FY10 and FY11
- Regional PgMP, including a description of the approach to establishing teams in the remaining states within the MSC.
- Reporting
- Metric(s)

Silver Jackets Links to Campaign Plan

- Goal 1: Deliver USACE support to combat, stability, and disaster operations through forward deployed and reachback capabilities
 - SJ teams can deliver support to disaster operations; Indiana SJ performance in 2008 Midwest floods is model for ILTF state teams.
 - SJ scope includes developing comprehensive, integrated planning and information sharing capabilities and assisting in institutionalizing USACE capabilities in interagency policy and doctrine.
- Goal 2: Deliver enduring and essential water resource solutions through collaboration with partners and stakeholders
- Goal 2b
 - The SJ program is an effective means to engage external agencies to blend multiple approaches and uses of methods of analysis. Synchronization of complementary inter-agency efforts and timing of resources to optimize and integrate multi-agency implementable solutions is a primary goal.

Silver Jackets Links to Campaign Plan (cont'd)

- Goal 2d: Developing LA and TX SJ teams will further enable Gulf Coast recovery.
- Goal 3b
 - SJ teams may choose to focus on developing prevention, protection and consequence mitigation strategies. The effort to share principles, strategies and technologies is a primary approach of SJ.
- Goal 3c
 - SJ teams may choose to focus on operation, maintenance and enhancements to improve reliability and minimize risk.
- Goal 3d
 - SJ teams may choose to develop approaches to leveraging technology and innovation.
- Goal 4b
 - Strategic and transparent communication is the foundation of the SJ program. Informing and educating employees, stakeholders and the public and providing a means to make risk-informed decisions and deliver feedback is a primary goal of the SJ program.

Links to Goals and Cross-Cutting Strategies of CW Strategic Plan

- Silver Jackets can contribute to the goals of
 - Developing safe and resilient communities and infrastructure
 - Promoting sustainable water resources, marine transportation systems, and healthy aquatic ecosystems, and
 - Implementing effective, reliable, and adaptive lifecycle project performance.
- The concept can incorporate all of the cross-cutting strategies:
 - Systems Approach
 - Collaboration and Partnering
 - Risk-Informed Decision Making and Communication
 - Innovative Financing.
 - Adaptive Management
 - State-of-the-Art Technology

Desired Outcomes

- Reduced flood risk
- Agencies better understand and leverage each other's programs
- Collaboration between various agencies, coordinated programs, cohesive solutions
- Multi-agency technical resource for state and local agencies
- Mechanism for establishing relationships to facilitate integrated solutions post-disaster

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