



ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION

U.S. Army Environmental Center

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND STATE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (DSMOA) PROGRAM

Background

The DSMOA program was developed in order to:

- Enhance the involvement of states and territories in the cleanup of active and closing defense bases and formerly used defense sites through the Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP) and the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Program;
- Foster improved relations among the states, military components, defense agencies, and the Department of Defense (DoD);
- Achieve more efficient and expedited cleanup;
- Develop a new partnership for addressing the DoD environmental cleanup problems.

The Department of the Army, through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), acts as DoD's Executive Agent for the DSMOA Program. USACE negotiates DSMOAs with and manages the award of Cooperative Agreements (CAs) to states and territories; and facilitates disputes that may arise between a military component and a state or territory.

As of May 2000, 51 DSMOAs are in place between DoD and 46 states, four territories and one district. From 1990 to 1998, USACE awarded 146 CAs totalling approximately \$111 million dollars under DERP and \$58 million dollars under BRAC to 42 states, two territories and one district. Each DSMOA describes the types of state reimbursable services in support of restoration activities funded by the military components or defense agencies; the procedure for a state to file for funding through a CA application; reporting requirements associated with a CA award; and dispute resolution procedures that may be exercised.

In 1998, USACE implemented a new business process for states regarding new CA applications. The process was collaboratively developed by the military components with the states. The process continues to be reevaluated after each cycle of two-year CA awards and is described in the document *Working Together to Achieve Cleanup: A Guide to the Cooperative Agreement Process* (the CA Guide), dated August 9, 1999.

State performance reports associated with CAs effective through June 30, 2000 are posted at the DSMOA Home Page. Reports associated with future CAs to be awarded will also be made at this location.

More Information

See the DSMOA Home Page at:
<http://www.denix.osd.mil/denix/state/DSMOA/dsmoa.html> (DENIX account required)

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