



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**
Fort Worth District

Highlights

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Historical Overview

The Fort Worth District was established in 1950 after disastrous floods in the area. It is responsible for water resources development in two-thirds of Texas and military design and construction in Texas and parts of Louisiana and New Mexico and employs approximately 900 people.

Fort Worth District has constructed 25 lakes, two major floodways, two tunnels for flood control and many local flood damage reduction projects. It is responsible for the operation and maintenance of these reservoirs, which provide outdoor recreation opportunities for millions of visitors annually, while furnishing approximately 35 percent

of the state's water supply.

The District supervises design and construction of facilities at 17 Army and Air Force installations in three states. These projects include barracks, family housing, training and aircraft facilities, schools, child care centers, clinics and hospitals. Working under the guidelines of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' mission statement, the District's mission is to be a talented, responsive workforce, ready to meet any challenge and be recognized for the highest quality and most cost-effective service in the Corps.

Military Construction Program

The Fort Worth District manages one of the largest military construction programs in the Corps and supports customers with design and construction projects at 17 active Army and Air Force installations in Texas, New Mexico and Louisiana.

The District assists Army, Air Force and Reserve customers in Louisiana and Texas, and provides operation and maintenance support to installations in the three states, leasing facilities for more than 400 military recruiting stations.

Over the years, the District has supervised the

construction of such diverse projects as Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, the Johnson Space Center near Houston, the Large Blast/Thermal Simulator at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., the U.S. Postal Service Bulk Mail Facility in Dallas, the III Corps Headquarters at Fort Hood, support facilities for the B1B Bomber at Dyess AFB, the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy at Fort Bliss, the Fixed Wing Aircraft Park at Fort Hood, the Rail Deployment Centers at Forts Hood and Bliss and the Whole Barracks Complexes, also at Forts Hood and Bliss.

Civil Works Program

The Fort Worth District civil works missions include flood damage reduction, water supply, water quality, recreation, fish and wildlife management, ecosystem restoration and stewardship. Additionally, the District has a strong Continuing Authorities Program which supports projects involving flood damage reduction, streambank protection, ecosystem restoration, and aquatic habitat and wetlands restoration and protection.

The District civil works area of responsibility covers approximately 53 percent of the state of Texas and portions of 12 river basins from the Rio Grande in the Southwest to the Red River in the Northeast.

The District's Operations and Maintenance program includes 25 multi-purpose projects, three hydropower plants and 190 parks, which serve more than 25 million visitors each year. Our 25 reservoirs have prevented billions of dollars in flood damage since their construction, resulting in a benefit-to-cost ratio of 8.2 to 1.

In addition to these projects, the Fort Worth District has built more than 60 flood control and/or multi-purpose projects. These include major levee and channel work in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex and several channel improvements and tunnels in San Antonio.

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Support for Other Agencies

More and more federal agencies are recognizing the expertise available in the District and are requesting design, construction, contracting and other services. Notable projects include the design and construction of Sanderson Border Patrol Station for the Customs and Border Protection, hangers at Alliance Airport for the Drug Enforcement Administration, and several drug laboratories located across the United States, also for the DEA. Construction inspection and development of environmental assessments for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, flood insurance studies and above ground storage tank inspections for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and real estate acquisition, procurement and administrative services are conducted for a number of other agencies.

The District provides extensive planning and environmental services for customers such as the Bureau of Prisons, General Services Administration and the Federal Aviation Administration. Especially noteworthy is that the District has been selected to serve as the Department of Homeland Security national account manager for planning, design and construction activities across the United States. The account manager resides in the Fort Worth District and manages a multi-million dollar program per year. This work is forwarded to the appropriate geographic District project manager for right-of-consideration for execution. The account manager serves as the "one door to the Corps" and as the DHS customer advocate.

Environmental Mission

The District provides widespread environmental compliance support to the Army, Air Force, Army Reserve and National Guard installations as well as for various civilian federal agencies. The District serves as project manager and executes environmental remedial actions at active duty military installations for the Installation Restoration and Base Realignment and Closure Programs. Support is provided for identification and removal of unexploded ordnance on former military lands. Recently, the District has become increasingly involved in assisting the Environmental Protection Agency with their Oil Pollution Act compliance in Texas and Louisiana.

The District provides project management, preliminary assessments and remedial action for Formerly Used Defense Sites projects, as well as all types of assessments, surveys, investigations, testing, design and remediation for the Bureau of Prisons, General Services Administration, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission, Joint Task Force Six and the Federal Aviation Administration.

In addition to its support to the military and other agencies, the District is responsible for administering permitting provisions under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. This program is designed to protect the quantity and quality of the nation's water and wetland resources.

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