



US Army Corps
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Seattle District

Seattle District

Employment Opportunities



A Great Place to Live and Work

Founded in 1896, Seattle District provides a full range of civil and military engineering services to the Pacific Northwest. Seattle District's civil works boundaries encompass 99,000 square miles and contain 4,700 miles of shoreline. The boundaries include the Columbia River system upstream of the mouth of the Yakima River, much of eastern Washington, northern Idaho and western Montana to the Rocky Mountains. Boundaries for Seattle District military work encompass the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana.



The district is commanded by a U.S. Army colonel, assisted by a military and civilian deputy and a civilian workforce made up of more than 850 engineers, scientists, technicians, trade and crafts specialists and support staff. More than 500 of these professionals work at the district headquarters in Seattle, Wash. The rest of the staff works at area and project offices in Washington, Idaho and Montana.

Seattle District - A Full Service District

Seattle District's missions include projects as large as barracks construction at Fort Lewis and as specialized as aquifer cleanup work and habitat restoration projects. The district provides a full range of engineering services including military construction and real estate, civil works projects, and environmental cleanup and stewardship.

Seattle District is a recognized leader in design and management of the construction of military facilities for the Army and Air Force, and a center of expertise nationally for historic preservation.

Seattle District is recognized for expertise in Hazardous, Toxic and Radioactive Waste cleanup. In Kellogg, Idaho, we are supporting EPA in the Bunker Hill Superfund Project. In Washington, district teams are using cutting edge technology to clean up creosote-contaminated nearshore areas.

The district maintains navigation all along western Washington and Puget Sound.

Seattle District is a leader in emergency preparation and response, responding, in cooperation with federal, state and local officials, to natural disasters. More than 100 employees have deployed in support of contingency operations in Afghanistan and Iraq since 2002. The district also responds locally and regionally to fight flooding, deploying throughout Washington, western Montana, and northern Idaho.

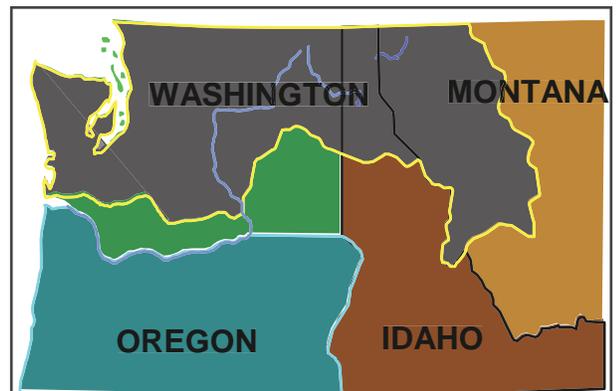
Seattle District provides water resources services and solutions, creating and managing solid, supportable projects. Cur-

rent projects include: major basin restoration and small ecological restoration projects for the Green-Duwamish basin, an erosion control study to replace the imperiled downtown Seattle seawall, and flood reduction studies are ongoing on the Skagit and Chehalis River basins.

Seattle District handles more than 1,000 permit applications each year for work in waters and wetlands.

District operating projects also provide great benefits to the nation. Mud Mountain Dam and Howard Hanson Dam have prevented billions of dollars worth of flood damage. Chief Joseph Dam provides 10 million megawatt hours of electricity each year. The Hiram M. Chittenden Locks in Seattle is the nation's busiest lock, serving more than 60,000 vessels annually. Albeni Falls Dam provides electricity and recreation on the Pend Oreille River.

The district provides design and construction management support for other federal agencies, including boarder patrol facilities, and hospital and clinic renovations.



Seattle District provides support for military, environmental and international and interagency support - boundaries are the states of Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho. Seattle District's civil works boundaries are highlighted in gray.

Seattle District is very involved in restoration of watersheds. We have an important flood control program with our reservoirs, and we are involved in recovery of endangered species. All these together make the types of work we do interesting. Because it is interesting work, it attracts a lot of good folks, which makes it a pleasure to deal with such highly educated and committed individuals.

Wayne Wagner
Technical Support Branch
Operations Division

Career Opportunities

The Seattle District is continually seeking to fill a wide variety of professional, technical, skilled and administrative support positions.

Positions are available in the fields of engineering, project management, science, trades and crafts, and sciences. Specific engineering disciplines include civil, mechanical, electrical and hydraulics. Scientist positions include geologists, hydrologists, biologists, environmental resources specialists and archeologists.

Other occupational areas include contract specialists, real estate specialists, administrative support specialists, park rangers, accountants,

mechanics, electricians and planners.

Staff members are involved in every aspect of project planning, investigation, design, technical review, construction and operation. District projects and staff have received national recognition for projects ranging from natural resources management to military project management and design.

Seattle District employees work in locations across the Northwest. Employees seeking greater travel opportunities can compete for Corps positions at various overseas locations, including Germany, Korea, Japan and Hawaii.

Questions? We Have Answers!

Do I have to join the Army?

No! While the Corps is part of the Army, 98 percent of Corps employees are civilians. The leader of the Seattle District is an active duty colonel in the Army. He is supported by civilians at the senior management level. This combination of civilian and military management creates a strong and vibrant leadership within the district. The district's military leadership creates a unique atmosphere and is an important plus in serving the nation and civil works and military customers.

I'm still in school, are there opportunities for me?

The district has various opportunities for students with a desire to gain experience while working part time during school, for a semester, or during school breaks (as best fits their situation). This is a great opportunity to apply knowledge and

aptitude to solving problems while performing a variety of assignments under the direction of professionals. Seattle District retains a high percentage of students employed under this program. Students find the experiences and the types of work challenging and rewarding.

Do you have internship programs for graduates?

Yes! Graduating students in science and engineering fields should consider applying for full time positions with the Seattle District.



Military construction work at Fort Lewis



Engineer checks design plans



Chief Joseph Dam turbine

The Pacific Northwest

Whether you're into modern city life, or serenity and nature – the Northwest has it all.

Working for Seattle District, you're just a hop and a skip away from all types of terrain.

The area has excellent opportunities for hiking, skiing, fishing, biking and water sports within an hour's drive.

The district has offices from Seattle, Wash., to Great Falls, Mont., so

there's a place for everyone to feel at home.

While Seattle District spans far and wide, there are many job options at the main office, right by downtown Seattle.

The city offers arts and culture, spectator sports (including three professional teams), and access to fine educational institutions. Each neighborhood is unique, with something for everyone.

The Corps Family

The Corps family is large, but is well known and respected throughout the U.S. because of the contributions Corps members make to the surrounding local communities. The Corps of Engineers is made up of more than 30,000 Civilian employees and 650 military leaders located throughout the U.S. and overseas locations.

The district's diverse work force offers a tremendous resource of both professional and personal enrichment to the communities in which

they live. Seattle District employees participate in a variety of non-work activities. Employees participate with local schools to encourage interest in science, engineering, technology and math careers.

There are also opportunities to interact with non-profit groups, speak to organizations, collaborate with other agencies and local governments, and support local communities.



Biologists evaluate bull trout



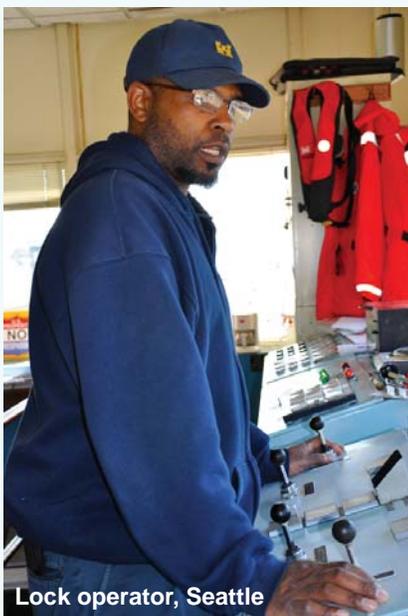
Park ranger at Libby Dam



Construction management team



Chief Joseph Dam in Washington



Lock operator, Seattle

I like working for the Seattle District because of the variety of work I get to do and the diversity of people I work with. I get a chance to work with a lot of great people and cover a wonderful part of the country, and it's a fantastic place to work. I enjoy it.

Jim Jacobson
Natural Resources Manager

Benefits of Federal Employment

Training

Many employees are regularly scheduled to attend Corps sponsored classroom training or participate in correspondence courses, computer-based learning or a job related training program featuring more than 200 courses. Employees may also apply for a variety of long-term educational programs. Other training opportunities include classes at local universities, non-governmental training and on-the-job training.

Awards

At the Corps we believe in recognizing outstanding employees for their performance. In addition to traditional certificates and plaques, we also provide cash awards in recognition of excellent individual and team performance.

Benefit Programs

The Federal Employees Health Benefits Program is the largest

How Do I Apply?

Applying for positions with the federal government requires some patience because of the many rules that must be followed to ensure fairness and selection of the most qualified applicants. Application procedures also vary somewhat depending on the type of position for which you are applying.

Specific job announcements for a variety of careers can be accessed through the Office of Personnel Management's Website at <http://www.usajobs.gov>

employer-sponsored group health insurance program in the world, covering more than 9 million federal employees, retirees and their family members. The government pays up to 75 percent of the cost of employee health benefits coverage, and employees pay the remainder based on a formula set by law.

The Corps also offers life insurance, a retirement program and a Thrift Savings Plan similar to a 401(k) with the government matching up to 5 percent of employee contributions.

Vacation and Leave

The generous leave packages include annual (vacation), sick, family, medical, family friendly and military leave. Annual leave is accrued on a pay-period basis, so you don't have to wait a year before taking a little time off.

In addition, many of the district's student and entry level engineering and scientific positions are advertised on-line at <http://www.nws.usace.army.mil> Select the "Careers" tab from the top menu for additional information.



For the new professionals, there's absolutely no place in the world where you can get the exposure to many different types of projects to a great amount of authority and responsibility earlier in your career, and plus a great amount of support. This is very much a full services interdisciplinary district: everything from permits to real-estate to engineering to construction to operation facilities happens from this district.

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Web sites:
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<http://www.nws.usace.army.mil>

Federal Jobs:
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Army Civilian Intern Program:
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