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## BU Virtual Workshop Agenda

July 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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- OBJECTIVES –**
- 1) Develop and document the status of BU across USACE,
  - 2) Organize a BU community across ERDC and USACE,
  - 3) Develop effective communication and collaboration on BU within USACE,
  - 4) Identify obstacles and levers for BU, and
  - 5) Identify and initiate actions for making progress on BU.

**CALL IN INFO –** <https://usace1.webex.com/meet/courtney.e.chambers>

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**AUDIENCE -** ERDC (day 1), ERDC + Districts/Field (**day 2**), ERDC + Districts/Field (**day 3**)

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**July 13, 2021: ERDC Session: Provide opportunity for ERDC scientists and engineers to share information with each other and organize internally.**

**AUDIENCE - ERDC**

**1400 – Welcome & Opening remarks** *Amanda Tritinger (ERDC - CHL)*

**1410 – A Brief Description of the State of BU from the Perspective of Program Managers**

**1435 – Guided discussion: What is the status of BU at ERDC?**

**Moderator:** *ERDC REP. TBD*

1. **Definitions of BU.** *(Include multiple definitions from various sources)*
2. **Discuss different types of BU**
3. **Obstacles to BU**
4. **Levers for BU**
5. **General opportunities for expanding BU**

**1525 – Guided discussion: What is needed for successful partnering between ERDC and Districts?**

**Moderator:** *ERDC REP. TBD*

1. **How to create synergy across ERDC on BU?** *(to be a good partner, we need to be united)*
2. **What is important to share with district partners?**
3. **What do we want to know from district partners?**

**1555 – Closing remarks** *Kelsey Fall (ERDC - CHL)*



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**July 14, 2021: ERDC, District, and HQ Session: Provide opportunity to share information across the USACE enterprise.**

**AUDIENCE – ERDC + Districts/Field**

**1400 – Welcome & Opening remarks** *Kelsey Fall (ERDC - CHL)*

**1410 – A Historic Look at USACE BU Case Studies** *Jacob Berkowitz (ERDC – EL)*

**1420 – Overview of BU Guidance** *Jase Ousley (USACE - HQ)*

**1435 – Guided discussion: What is the status of BU at throughout USACE?**

**Moderator:** *DISTRICT REP. TBD*

1. **Definitions of BU.** *(Include multiple definitions from various sources)*
2. **Discuss different types of BU – For USACE**
3. **Obstacles to BU**
4. **Levers for BU**
5. **General opportunities for expanding BU**

**1525 – Guided discussion: What is needed for successful partnering between USACE (ERDC+ Districts) and beyond (i.e. Federal Agencies, Academia, etc.)?**

**Moderator:** *DISTRICT REP. TBD*

1. **What are ingredients for successful partnering/collaboration between ERDC and Districts?**
2. **How do we create synergy across USACE on BU?** *(to be a good BU stewards, we need to be united)*
3. **What are ingredients for successful partnering between USACE and others?**

**1555 – Closing remarks** *Amanda Tritinger (ERDC - CHL)*



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### July 15, 2021: ERDC, Districts, HQ Develop Alternative Actions and Next Steps

**AUDIENCE –** ERDC + Districts/Field

**1400 – Opening remarks and summary of past two days** *Kelsey Fall and Amanda Tritinger (ERDC - CHL)*

**1415 – Importance of BU to the Nation** *Todd Bridges (ERDC – EL)*

**1425 – Guided Discussion: What’s Next?**

**Moderator:** *ERDC & DISTRICT REP. TBD*

1. **What are BU big picture needs?**
2. **Create action items.** *(i.e. Statement of Need dev. plans)*

**1535– Final thoughts/Comments** *Kelsey Fall (ERDC - CHL)*

**1545 – Announce Award** *Katie Brutsche (ERDC – CHL)*

**1555 – Closing remarks** *Amanda Tritinger (ERDC - CHL)*