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## **Noblis to Provide Independent Peer-Review Services for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)**

*The USACE Institute of Water Resources to Use Noblis to Facilitate Scientific Peer Review of Multiple Water Resource Projects under a \$44 Million Contract*

**FALLS CHURCH, VA.** —March 8, 2011—Noblis Inc, a non-profit science, technology, and strategy organization with a mission to solve complex systems, process, and infrastructure problems, is pleased to announce that it has been selected to facilitate independent peer-review services for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The U.S. Army Engineer Institute for Water Resources (IWR) provides forward-looking analysis and research in developing planning methodologies to aid the USACE Civil Works program. The Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2007 requires independent, external peer review of the IWR's recommendations. These reviews are an integral part of the investment decision process and ensure that optimum economic and environmental returns are achieved for the nation.

Noblis brings more than 20 years of peer-review service to numerous government clients. It has extensive experience in all aspects of the peer-review process from initial panel selection through managing peer programs and projects to final delivery of findings and recommendations. Noblis has administered multiple peer-review panels in response to the requirements of the National Research Council; the National Academies of Science; the Office of the Secretary of Defense; the Office of the Secretary of Energy; and the Air Force, Chief of Engineers.

"We are delighted to have the opportunity to work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers," said Ahmad Faramarzi, Manager, Center for Sustainability, Noblis. "We bring a wealth of cross-domain experience in water resource management and planning, hydrology, geology, engineering, cost estimating and economics, and health and ecological risk management, while providing impartial independent assistance to our clients. Our seasoned team of scientists, engineers, and consultants is well-positioned to help the USACE assess their critical Civil Works projects and to support their mission to preserve the nation's water and environmental resources."

Noblis is a nationally recognized leader in systems analysis and analytical support to the federal government. Noblis staff includes accomplished engineers, scientists, analysts, researchers, technical specialists, and management experts with extensive multi-disciplinary and multi-sector experience.

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### **About Noblis Inc.**

Noblis is a nonprofit science, technology and strategy organization that helps clients solve complex systems, process, and infrastructure problems in ways that benefit the public. Noblis brings the best of scientific thought, management, and engineering know-how in an environment of independence and objectivity to find solutions that are practical, forward thinking, and sustainable. Noblis works in essential areas, including national security, transportation,



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healthcare, environmental sustainability, and enterprise transformation. Further information is available at [noblis.org](http://noblis.org).

**About Noblis' Center for Sustainability**

The singular mission of Noblis' Center for Sustainability is to promote resilient and sustainable operations for our customers. Noblis accomplishes this by helping business and government prepare for and mitigate the impact of climate change, improve resource efficiency, and develop solutions to reduce environmental impacts. Noblis brings an interdisciplinary systems approach to address a range of sustainability topics, including water resources; modeling for future climate change; and planning needed to improve resiliency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, calculate emissions inventories, and energy management. To learn more about Noblis, visit [www.noblis.org](http://www.noblis.org). To learn more about Noblis' sustainability efforts, visit [www.green.noblis.org](http://www.green.noblis.org).