SUBJECT: USACE Construction Project Signs and Use of the Army Star

CATEGORY: Directive and Policy

1. References:


2. Purpose. Provide direction and guidelines regarding use of the Army Star emblem for USACE construction projects signage.

    a. Design. USACE policy to include guidelines on fabricating, locating, and mounting construction project signs is provided in Engineer Pamphlet (EP) 310-1-6a, Sign Standards Manual, VOL 1, Section 16, dated 01 June 2006. The guidelines for accomplishing all construction projects now includes a requirement to add the Army Star emblem to construction project signs. Accordingly, graphic format guidance on page 16-2 of EP 310-1-6a is hereby modified to incorporate the Army Star logo on construction project signs for all projects, both on and off USACE facilities. For official Army Brand information refer to Army Regulation (AR) 601-208, The Army Brand and Marketing Program, 16 July 2013. The Army Star logo dimensions for height and width of are multiples of four high by three wide. The proper incorporation of the Army Star logo in the standard USACE construction project signage is illustrated in the attached examples of construction project sign graphics.

3. Directions. Effective upon release of this ECB, all USACE projects will display signage that features the Army Star logo as part of the overall USACE construction project signage. Construction projects will incorporate the Army Star logo into the standard construction project identification sign, as shown in the attachments. Engineering and construction project specification writers are responsible to update the construction project signage text of their standard contract specification clause to include incorporation of the Army Star logo for all projects. District Sign Program Managers or District or MSC Chiefs of Natural Resources in Operations Division can provide the specific graphics.

4. Update. All new requirements will be included in the next appropriate policy document update.
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5. Points of Contact. HQUSACE points of contact for this ECB are AJ Jensen, USACE National Sign Program Manager, Mandatory Center of Expertise (MCX), CENWK-OFH-T, (816) 389-3840 and Jennifer L. Kline, P.E., HQUSACE CECW-EC, (202) 761-0076.

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Attachment A – Example Graphic of Signage with Dimensions for MILCON Project
Attachment B – Example Graphic of Signage with Dimensions for Civil Works Project
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ATTACHMENT A: Example Graphic of Signage with Dimensions for MILCON Project
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**ATTACHMENT B:** Example Graphic of Signage with Dimensions for Civil Works Project
The use of signs to identify Corps managed or supervised design, construction, and rehabilitation projects - both for military and civil works - is an important part of efforts to keep the public informed of Corps work. For this purpose, a construction project sign package has been adopted. This package consists of two signs: one for project identification and the other to show on-the-job safety performance of the contractor.

These two signs are to be displayed side by side and mounted for reading by passing viewers. Exact placement location will be designated by the contracting officer’s representative.

The panel sizes and graphic formats have been standardized for visual consistency throughout all Corps operations.

Panels are fabricated using HDO plywood or aluminum with dimensional lumber uprights and bracing. The sign faces are nonreflective vinyl.

All legends are to be die-cut or computer-cut in the sizes and typefaces specified and applied to the white panel background following the graphic formats shown on pages 16-2 and 16-3. The Communication Red panel on the left side of the construction project sign with Corps Signature (reverse version) is screen-printed onto the white background.

A display of these two signs is shown on the following two pages. Mounting and fabrication details are provided on page 16-4.

Special applications or situations not covered in these guidelines should be referred to the district Sign Program Manager.
Below are two samples of the Construction Project Identification sign showing how this panel is adaptable for use to identify either military (top) or civil works projects (bottom). The graphic format for this 4’x 6’ sign panel follows the legend guidelines and layout as specified below. The large 4’x 4’ section of the panel on the right is to be white with black legend. The 2’x 4’ section of the sign on the left with the full Corps Signature (reverse version) is to be screen-printed Communication Red on the white background. The designation of a sponsor in the area indicated is optional with Military or Civil Works construction signs. Signs may list one sponsoring entity. If agreement on a sponsor designation cannot be achieved, the area should be left blank.

This sign is to be placed with the Safety Performance sign shown on the following page. Mounting and fabrication details are provided on page 16-4.

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**Legend Group 1:** One- to two-line description of Corps relationship to project.
- Color: White
- Typeface: 1.25" Helvetica Regular
- Maximum line length: 19"

**Legend Group 2:** Division or District Name (optional). Placed below 10.5" reverse Signature (6" Castle).
- Color: White
- Typeface: 1.25" Helvetica Regular
- Maximum line length: 19"

**Legend Group 2a:** One- to three-line identification of Military or Civil Works sponsor (optional). Place below Corps Signature to cross-align with Group 5a-b.
- Color: White
- Typeface: 1.25" Helvetica Regular
- Maximum line length: 19"

**Legend Group 3:** One- to three-line project title legend describes the work being done under this contract.
- Color: Black
- Typeface: 3" Helvetica Bold
- Maximum line length: 42"

**Legend Group 4:** One- to two-line identification of project or facility (civil works) or name of sponsoring department (military).
- Color: Black
- Typeface: 1.5" Helvetica Regular
- Maximum line length: 42"

Cross-align the first line of Legend Group 4 with the first line of the Corps Signature (US Army Corps) as shown.

**Legend Groups 5a-b:** One- to five-line identification of prime contractors including: type (architect, general contractor, etc.), corporate or firm name, city, state. Use of Legend Group 5 is optional.
- Color: Black
- Typeface: 1.25" Helvetica Regular
- Maximum line length: 21"

All typography is flush left and rag right, upper and lower case with initial capitals only as shown. Letter- and word-spacing to follow Corps standards as specified in Appendix D.

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**Table: Construction Project Identification Sign**

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<th>Color</th>
<th>Bkg/Lgd</th>
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<tr>
<td>CID-01</td>
<td>various</td>
<td>4’x6’</td>
<td>4’x4’</td>
<td>HDO-3</td>
<td>48”</td>
<td>WH-RD/BK</td>
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Each contractor’s safety record is to be posted on Corps managed or supervised construction projects and mounted with the Construction Project Identification sign specified on page 16-2.

The graphic format, color, size and typefaces used on the sign are to be reproduced exactly as specified below. The title with First Aid logo in the top section of the sign, and the performance record captions are standard for all signs of this type. Legend groups 2 and 3 below identify the project and the contractor and are to be placed on the sign as shown. Safety record numbers are mounted on individual metal plates and are screw-mounted to the background to allow for daily revisions to posted safety performance record.

Special applications or situations not covered in these guidelines should be referred to the district Sign Program Manager.

**Legend Group 1:** Standard two-line title “Safety is a Job Requirement” with 8” (outside diameter) Safety Green first aid logo. Color: To match Pantone system 347
Typeface: 3” Helvetica Bold
Color: Black

**Legend Group 2:** One- to two-line project title legend describes the work being done under this contract and name of host project. Color: Black
Typeface: 1.5” Helvetica Regular
Maximum line length: 42”

**Legend Group 3:** One- to two-line identification: name of prime contractor and city, state address. Color: Black
Typeface: 1.5” Helvetica Regular
Maximum line length: 42”

**Legend Group 4:** Standard safety record captions as shown. Color: Black
Typeface: 1.25” Helvetica Regular

Replaceable numbers are to be mounted on white .060 aluminum plates and screw-mounted to background. Color: Black
Typeface: 3” Helvetica Regular
Plate size: 2.5” x 4.5”

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![Sign Legend Panel Specification Mounting Color](image)
All Construction Project Identification signs and Safety Performance signs are to be fabricated and installed as described below. The signs are to be erected at a location designated by the contracting officer representative and shall conform to the size, format, and typographic standards shown on pages 16-2 and 16-3. Detailed specifications for HDO plywood panel preparation are provided in Appendix B.

Shown below the mounting diagram is a panel layout grid with spaces provided for project information. Photocopy this page and use as a worksheet when preparing sign legend orders.

The sign panels are to be fabricated from .75" High Density Overlay Plywood. Panel preparation to follow HDO specifications provided in Appendix B.

Sign graphics to be prepared on a white nonreflective vinyl film with positionable adhesive backing.

All graphics except for the Communication Red background with Corps Signature on the project sign are to be die-cut or computer-cut nonreflective vinyl, prespaced legends prepared in the sizes and typefaces specified and applied to the background panel following the graphic formats shown on pages 16-2 and 16-3.

The 2' x 4' Communication Red panel (to match Pantone system 032) with full Corps Signature (reverse version) is to be screen-printed on the white background. Identification of the district or division may be applied under the signature with white cut vinyl letters prepared to Corps standards.

Drill and insert six (6) .375" T-nuts from the front face of the HDO sign panel. Position holes as shown. Flange of T-nut to be flush with sign face.

Apply graphic panel to prepared HDO plywood panel following manufacturers' instructions.

Sign uprights to be structural grade 4" x 4" treated Douglas Fir or Southern Yellow Pine, No.1 or better. Post to be 12' long. Drill six (6) .375" mounting holes in uprights to align with T-nuts in sign panel. Countersink (.5") back of hole to accept socket head cap screw (4" x .375”).

Assemble sign panel and uprights. Imbed assembled sign panel and uprights in 4' hole.

Local soil conditions and/or wind loading may require bolting additional 2" x 4" struts on inside face of uprights to reinforce installation as shown.

For additional information on the proper method to prepare sign panel graphics, contact the district Sign Program Manager.