

USSD Strategic Plan

Vision

To be the nation's leading organization of professionals dedicated to advancing the role of dams for the benefit of society.

Mission

USSD is dedicated to:

- Advancing the knowledge of dam engineering, construction, planning, operation, performance, rehabilitation, decommissioning, maintenance, security and safety;
- Fostering dam technology for socially, environmentally and financially sustainable water resources systems;
- Providing public awareness of the role of dams in the management of the nation's water resources;
- Enhancing practices to meet current and future challenges on dams; and
- Representing the United States as an active member of the International Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD).

Strategies

1. Maintain and strengthen USSD's technical and other committees on key issues for dams and support ICOLD committees and Congresses.
2. Broaden USSD's emphasis to address current and future issues in sustainable water resources management related to dams.
3. Establish cooperative arrangements and partnerships with key government agencies, professional organizations and major dam owners to increase USSD's effectiveness in the industry.
4. Design USSD's meetings to attract more participation from the U.S. and internationally.
5. Modernize and expand the transfer of technical information about dams that originates from USSD and other organizations.
6. Actively promote and guide research and technology development through association with universities, government agencies and private companies who fund research on topics related to dams.
7. Strengthen USSD support to ICOLD and other National Committees of ICOLD.