**USACE Decision Support Tool Geodatabase Extraction Instructions**

To successfully extract the Decision Support Tool geodatabase, a simple procedure must be followed. The geodatabase must be unzipped using the default Windows tool, 7-Zip, or WinZIP. When unzipping, do not allow the unzipping program to place the unzipped files inside a new folder. Commonly, zipping software will place the zipped file inside a folder with an identical name to the zip file. Allowing this to occur will create issues with the geodatabase which will cause errors when you try and run the Decision Support Tool. The following guidance has been developed to avoid errors which may occur when extracting an ArcGIS 10 geodatabase.

When using the default Windows tool:

* Right click on the zip file, select “Extract All…”, but then revise the file path to NOT include “USACE\_DecisionSupportTool\_Data.gdb”. For example, if you are extracting the database to your C: drive, the file path should read: “C:\” not “C:\USACE\_DecisionSupportTool\_Data.gdb”.

When using 7-Zip:

* Right click on the zip file, select 7-Zip, and then select the “Extract Here” option.

When using WinZIP

* Right click on the zip file, select WinZIP, and then select “Extract to here” option.