

DISTRICT 6 ACEC-FL LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Location: Executive Conf. Room, 1000 NW 111th Avenue, Miami, FL 33172

Dates & Time: Thursday, July 15 , 2021 at 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Facilitator: FDOT District 6 Transportation Support Division

Meeting Attendance

| Representative Name | Agency/Company | Title |
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| Stacy L. Miller | Florida Department of Transportation | District Secretary |
| Daniel Iglesias | Florida Department of Transportation | Director of Transportation Development |
| Rudy Garcia | Florida Department of Transportation | Director of Transportation Operations |
| Cindy Capdevila | Florida Department of Transportation | Transportation Support Manager |
| Karina Fuentes | Florida Department of Transportation | District Design Engineer |
| Judy Solaun-Gonzalez | Florida Department of Transportation | District Consultant Project Management Engineer |
| Mario Cabrera | Florida Department of Transportation | District Construction Engineer |
| Dat Huynh | Florida Department of Transportation | District Planning and Environmental Administrator |
| Daniel Kong | Florida Department of Transportation | District Procurement Manager |
| Monserrat Sierra | Florida Department of Transportation | Professional Services Unit Supervisor |
| Gus Quesada | New Millennium Engineering, Inc. | Representing ACEC-FL Region 7 and CE&I Firms |
| Naldo Gonzalez | Gannett Fleming, Inc. | Representing Mid-to-Large-Sized Engineering Firms |
| Rick Crooks | EAC Consulting, Inc. | Representing Mid-Sized Engineering Firms |
| Walfrido Pevida | Pevida Highway Designers, LLC | Representing SBE Engineering Firms |
| Enrique Tamayo | RK&K | Representing CE&I Firms |

Agenda Items (New Business)

1. Welcoming remarks
2. Approval of Meeting Notes from March 24, 2021. Outstanding issues were discussed throughout this meeting.
3. Upcoming ACEC-FL Event(s): ACEC-FL Transportation Meeting.
4. FDOT/District VI Liaison Committee Consultant Member Succession Plan:
 - a. Gus Quesada reached the end of his term as the CEI Representative and Committee Chair.
 - b. The Consultant Member Succession Plan, as follows:
 - Rep. Small (DBE/SBE) Firms: Walfrido Pevida, P.E., Pevida Highway Designers (New Chair); term limit July 2022
 - Rep. Mid-Size Firms: Rick Crooks, P.E., EAC Consulting, Inc.; term limit July 2023
 - Rep. Large-Size Firms: Naldo Gonzalez, P.E., Gannett Fleming; term limit July 2023
 - (New) Rep. CE&I Firms: Enrique Tamayo, P.E., RK&K; term limit July 2024
5. Opening remarks and expectations from District Secretary, Stacy L. Miller:
 - a. Open communication forum between the industry and Department
 - b. Locate opportunities for improvement
6. Transportation Stimulus through US Infrastructure Bill is moving forward
 - a. Funding for projects still waiting on updates. More detail will be provided when available.
 - b. District has 'wish list' and plans to spread the work between small, medium, and large firms for all industry to take advantage. FDOT and Consultant industry must work as 'true' partnership
 - c. Balance between mobility and highway capacity projects
7. Work Program Updates:
 - a. APP and District's "wish list"
 - b. Stimulus projects to be confirmed
8. Post-COVID processes:
 - a. Department cannot postpone projects indefinitely
 - b. Hybrid environment processes will be considered when appropriate
9. Design/CEI Cost Study: SB 2502 to support cost savings, e.g., construction time. FDOT recommended study vs pursuing SB language.
10. ORD/3D Training: all projects starting January 2022. CO Procurement to add new classifications for CEI. Trainings will be coming up. Potential pilot project to be considered.

11. Small Business Listening Sessions:

- a. BDI contract limits to increase from \$1.5M to \$2M
- b. Allow DBE firms to contract non-DBE firms to join their team to meet qualifications with max participation capped at <3%
- c. DBE \$16.5M threshold is not expected to change
- d. Confirmed 8 approved BDI contracts for FY2022.

12. Closing Remarks

13. Adjournment

To-Do List

| Action Items | Owner(s) | Deadline | Status |
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| Schedule next Liaison Meeting when new District Secretary is available | Walfrido Pevida/Daniel Kong | Schedule for October 2021 | In progress |
| Provide Talking Points for next Liaison Meeting | Walfrido Pevida | 1 week prior to next meeting | In progress |