

# DISTRICT 6 ACEC-FL LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Location: 1000 NW 111<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Miami, FL 33173, Executive Conference Room

Dates & Time: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 10:00 AM to 11:15 AM

Facilitator: FDOT District 6 Transportation Support Division

## Meeting Attendance

Representative Name	Agency/Company	Title
James Wolfe	Florida Department of Transportation	District Secretary
Rudy Garcia	Florida Department of Transportation	Director of Transportation Operations
Dat Huynh	Florida Department of Transportation	District Planning & Environmental Administrator
Cindy Capdevila	Florida Department of Transportation	Transportation Support Manager
Mario Cabrera	Florida Department of Transportation	District Construction Engineer
Judy Solaun	Florida Department of Transportation	District Consultant Project Management Engineer
Arturo Duharte	Florida Department of Transportation	Professional Services Unit Supervisor
Daniel Kong	Florida Department of Transportation	District Procurement Manager
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

## Agenda Items (New Business)

1. Welcoming remarks and introductions of new ACEC-FL Committee Members: Gus Quesada, Walfrido Pevida, Rick Crooks and Naldo Gonzalez.
2. Approval of Meeting Notes from May 8, 2019
3. Topics from Transportation Committee Meeting in Orlando, FL (May 29, 2019)
  - a. Challenges presented by Secretary Thibault and Industry Perspective
  - b. Clear priorities with increasing amount of Consultant work on top of normal business, including M-CORES
  - c. District's initiative in accelerating projects, including Procurement process
  - d. Streamlining plans using Districtwide contracts
  - e. Considering reduction of Design schedules
  - f. GEC contractors and conflicts of interest when pursuing Design projects – goal is to deter unfair advantage
  - g. Business Development Initiative program at District 6
4. Topics from ACEC-FL Transportation Committee Meeting in Tampa, FL and FDOT & ACEC-FL Relations Committee (July 16, 2019)
  - a. Debriefings with District Leadership and Technical Review Committee members after Selections are taking place
  - b. District 6 has no issues with rates and classifications as per revisions in FDOT's Negotiations Handbook
  - c. Proposing roundtables with Contractors to discuss specific issues in the District between all stakeholders, including CEIs, Contractors and Designers. D6 had 2-day roundtable session last time Sec. Thibault visited the District.
  - d. Consultant Evaluation/Grading to occur more frequently
  - e. Consultants propose to use Google Earth templates for Design projects
  - f. District's stance on 3D Design projects – concerns regarding As-Built models (sign and seal)
  - g. Rates for Geotechnical projects
  - h. Statewide change regarding EOR signing project control sheets
5. CEI Issues
  - a. Committee is aware of CEI Lump Sum pilot projects
  - b. CEI's field decision-making power to increase. D6's expectation is for CEIs to take more responsibility (proactivity) and make sure CEIs resource projects properly
  - c. Utilize "common-sense" methods to share information between project stakeholders (e.g. RFI, CEI/EOR concurrence, information flow, etc.)

6. Procurement Related Items

- a. New Procurement system (Procurement Development Application, PDA) to go live Monday, September 16, 2019
- b. PCR to be done by Consultant diligently
- c. Tightening Procurement schedules

7. Closing Remarks

8. Adjournment

## To-Do List

Action Items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
Provide Executive Team's bullet point recommendations to Procurement	Gus Quesada	ASAP	In progress
Provide D6 BDI Schedule to ACEC-FL Committee Members	Arturo Duharte	9/20/2019	In progress
Consultant Evaluation/Grading Review List, Report and Reminders	Arturo Duharte/Daniel Kong/Judy Solaun	ASAP	In progress
Information regarding 3D models (State Office) for ACEC-FL Committee	Mario Cabrera	ASAP	In progress
Feedback on Hand-off Meeting between Design and CEI	Judy Solaun	ASAP	In progress
Provide sample transfer of information agenda to FDOT	Gus Quesada	ASAP	In progress
Schedule next Liaison Meeting at the District	Gus Quesada/Daniel Kong	9/20/2019	In progress