

### DISTRICT DIX QUARTERLY FICE LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

## DATE: January 23, 2018 TIME: 1:00 PM LOCATION: EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM

### Attendees:

- Jim Wolfe District Six Secretary
- Harold Desdunes District Six Director of Transportation Development
- Rudy Garcia Director of Transportation Operations
- Brian Arena District Six Transportation Support Manager
- Catrina Wilson District Six Procurement Manager
- Mark Moshier Keith & Schnars
- Bob Carballo Stantec
- Robert Behar R.J Behar
- Gus Quesada New Millennium Engineering
- Judy Solaun-Gonzalez District Consultant Project Management Engineer

#### **New Business**

- 1. Member Rotation :
  - a. Introduction of new member Gus Quesada, P.E.
- 2. Alternative Selection Method Voted by ACEC FL
  - a. Has been voted on to go forward with this alternative method. This will not be a requirement, but a tool to use.
  - b. Director's will be making the final decision to use this method not Department Heads.
  - c. Executive team adopted this method for minor project category procurement with a dollar amount of \$1.5 million dollars only.
  - d. Some Districts liked the 5-page letter. This will give us more latitude for the procurement process.
- 3. Design-Build Submittal Extensions and Increased Cost:
  - a. Continue to have problems around the State regarding the schedule being changed, time added.
  - b. Costing more money with these changes.
  - c. One a schedule is made we should try to meet.
  - d. Maybe poll all Districts to see what they are doing.
  - e. TRC is not always experienced need to train and spend the effort for them to understand what they are reading and evaluating.
- 4. Transportation Conference:
  - a. Conference May 30 & 31, 2018.
  - b. Limit to 4 each District District Secretary plus three.



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- c. Concern with the number invited to attend the conference. The number is too small and will be discussing the issue on this matter.
- 5. New Consultant Grading Requesting input from Districts:
  - a. District 6 has not heard anything on this yet.
  - b. Will check with Carla Perry.
- 6. Procurement during State of Emergency:
  - a. Needs more clarification and/or suspended.
  - b. Central office will be looking into the procedures on this matter.
- 7. E & O Recovery rate/percentage:
  - a. This procedure needs to be re-addressed.
  - b. District 6 does not have any outstanding issues as of right now.
  - c. Benefit cost ratio plays a factor on E & O recovery.
  - d. Construction was not notifying EOR in a timely fashion.
- 8. FHWA Audit related to NEPA Workshop or Training:
  - a. Consultant audit will happen this year Will be in the Fall.
  - b. Many Districts will be having a workshop or training.
  - c. District 6 asked for continuous training on this.
- 9. D6 FICE Membership:
  - a. 3 to 5-year term for rotation.
  - b. Have to find volunteers.
- 10. Some Regions are using SPE's at 10% and 20% capacity on large scale projects:
  - a. On CEI projects receiving complaints that some Districts are putting percentages of SPE part-time for administrative roles.
  - b. Not having any issues in District 6 on this matter. District 6 practice is usually 100% for large or combined CEI projects.
- 11. CEI Cost Increase Trends:
  - a. CEI Cost increasing trends.
  - b. Concern with sending home Inspectors when it rains. Not happening here in District 6.
- 12. District Rejecting Inspectors:
  - a. Consultants who does not have all of their certifications are getting rejected, but they have the years.
  - b. Procedures states you have up to 6 months to get your certifications.
- 13. CEI MOT Weekly Review Report Responsibility of CEI:
  - a. Report work zone safety supervisor appears in the CPAM report on responsibility.
  - b. Responsibility is on the Contractor.
- 14. Follow-up:
  - a. New AFP Update To be released Jan. 18, 2018.
    - i. New AFP has started January 17.
    - ii. Is open to all.



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- b. Updates to Negotiations Handbook Continuing to discuss adding new/additional classifications:
  - i. Updates with negotiations 3 classifications of PM to the negotiations handbook.
  - ii. New/additional classifications added speak with Consultant and Consultant PM for approval before reclassification.

### 15. Open Discussion:

- a. Harold Desdunes we are losing a lot of people here in the District.
- b. FICE at one time was offering training, however the Design Conference came along and training disappeared.
- c. We are in need of training.