

Meeting: ACEC/SCDOT Partnering CEI Sub-Committee
Location: SCDOT Headquarters Rm 331
Date/Time: July 25, 2019/10:00 to 12:00
Attendees: Robbie Isgett
David Rodgers
Nick Waites
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Minutes:

Old Business:

- RFQ
 - This committee previously discussed the SCDOT identifying anticipated staff need dates. The Department is considering this option on a project by project basis. No specific project has been identified to date however it is being considered by the DOC (Director of Construction) Office Staff.
 - This committee previously discussed the SCDOT identifying or providing anticipated work chart in an RFQ. The Department is considering this option on a project by project basis. No specific project has been identified to date however it is being considered by the DOC Office. This subject closely relates to the specific language included in recent RFQs that defined authority and roles of Key Personnel.
 - The committee previously discussed changes to the CEI tentative let schedule. SCDOT Staff have been working on keeping the tentative let schedule accurate with anticipated dates. SCDOT plans to continue this effort with no additional anticipated changes to the format.
- In previous meetings the online SiteManager manual and Project Delivery Training were discussed. The SiteManager manual is available on the SCDOT Intranet under the Director of Construction Page. Project Delivery Training will be put on hold. SCDOT is considering replacing SiteManager. This effort may be live in the calendar year 2020. Investment into training will be reserved for the new program.
- In previous meetings ACEC has requested that the IA results be provided to the Consultant's PM. SCDOT indicated that the responsible SCDOT Resident receives the results of the IA testing performed on their projects. Considering the individual inspector evaluations by IA are not formal reports, the SCDOT Residents will be encouraged by the DOC to pass any results received from IA to the Consultant Managers.
- In previous meetings Safety Training for CE&I staff that AGC is pushing for has been discussed. This training is generally associated with consultant personnel that are engaged in any type of activity within the construction work areas. AGC is driving this training. The committee discussed however no updates were available regarding the AGC Safety Training.
- There was no update to the status of the Department's effort to update the Construction Specifications.

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- As previously discussed the SCDOT has requested all consultants on the On-Call Contract to coordinate with their Resident or DCE and close out any work orders that are complete. This should be done by providing an invoice marked "Final Invoice" or an email stating that the referenced work order can be considered closed and no additional expenses will be invoiced.
- The group discussed the potential for SCDOT to host Open Forums or Information Meetings, similar to how meetings are held for SCDOT Design Build Project, for certain CEI RFQs prior to the release of the request. This will be tested with the upcoming CEI RFQ for I-85 over Rocky Creek Bridge Replacement project. This project is scheduled to be advertised in November 2019.

New Business:

- SCDOT Representatives passed along comments made by AGC Representatives. In summary, the comments involved consultant overstaffing, consultant inspectors being black and white when enforcing specifications and timeliness of decisions. Consultant Representatives provided no official response other than these comments will be returned to our Member Firms and if needed a formal response will follow. ACEC Committee Members stated that Consultant CEI Staff work for and under the supervision and approval of the SCDOT. All Consultant CEI Staffing Levels, inspection frequencies, and project requirements are approved and/or directed by the SCDOT Resident or SCDOT Point of Contact. Any specific complaints should go directly to the SCDOT to be addressed specifically. The ACEC Organization and specifically the ACEC CEI Subcommittee support and encourage partnering (with all construction team members).
- SCDOT Representatives stated that SCDOT does not reimburse Consultants for commute time more than the time or distance from the local SCDOT office to the project which the inspector works. Recently it was discovered that a Consultant Firm was invoicing for travel that did not follow this protocol.
- SCDOT Representatives provided an update to the current Statewide On-Call contract. At this current time approximately \$56.5 M has been committed to consultants in work orders and approximately \$31 M has been paid to date. Several work orders appear to be overestimated or allocated to anticipated projects that have not gone to construction. The DOC Office Staff is reviewing current work orders for opportunities to reassign obligated funds to new or other areas to meet the SCDOT needs. SCDOT also stated that they recognized the importance of keeping the on-call active and funded with no lapse in consultant inspection support. SCDOT indicated that the DOC Office has already developed and proposed the next On Call RFQ. It has been approved by the DOC and currently working through Procurement gaining all approvals. This RFQ is anticipated to be advertised this Fall. This RFQ has been proposed with a \$75 M budget with up to 10 prime consultants. SCDOT acknowledges that the next on-call will most likely overlap with the current on-call. Travel time and lodging was brought up for discussion by SCDOT. SCDOT indicated that it would be beneficial to provide inspectors locations and availability in the responses to the CE&I RFP,
- The Carolinas Concrete Paving Association, South Carolina Department of Transportation, and the Carolinas Ready Mixed Concrete Association will host a South Carolina Concrete Conference

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on November 6, 2019 at the Doubletree by Hilton in Columbia. See attached flyer. Seating is limited.

- The Georgia/Carolinas Prestressed Concrete Institute, South Carolina Department of Transportation, and ACEC of SC will host the 2019 SCDOT Prestressed Concrete Bridge Design Seminar on Tuesday October 1, 2019. See attached flyer.