

Attendees:

ODOT: Naveen Chandra, Steve Cooley, Gary Farnsworth, Wynnette Gentemann, Jeff Gower, Tom Lauer, Jill Miller, Cathy Nelson, Angela Remos and Ron Reisdorf

OBDP: Bill Barnhart / FHWA: Chris Bucher

Industry: Larry Gescher, Tim Hendrix, Dave Mingo, John Rakowitz and Karl Thatcher

OMWESB Database Directory, Jill Miller, Small Business Programs Manager, Office of Civil Rights

Jill Miller joined the group to demonstrate how to locate firms meeting the requirement of current DBE goals on the OMWESB Database Directory. Please see below handout indicating the link and instruction. Industry requested the search function be updated. Many of the category titles are not consistent in referencing titles. If a contractor directs a search for a company who builds fences, it is listed under both fence or fencing as a category, preventing the full list to appear. Tim Hendrix, Larry Gescher and Karl Thatcher agreed to be on a review panel to provide feedback to Jill Miller regarding the database system. Barbara is to forward contact information for Tim, Larry and Karl to Jill Miller. The question was also raised why a DBE over-run does not count unless the CCO is written. Industry feels it should calculate straight across the board using the City of Portland as a model. Tom Lauer is to look into the DBE over-run issue and comment back at the next meeting.



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New DRAFT PD-12: Public Involvement Expectations, Gary Farnsworth

Gary Farnsworth, Area Technical Center Manager of Region 4 updated the group on the Operational Notice. The Operational Notice will provide direction to the business line on public involvement expectations for project delivery (project development and construction). The effort pulls together several department initiatives, decision-making processes, and best practices impacting public involvement and communication methods in public involvement. Gary is looking for feedback from Industry on the draft. Industry may contact Gary at gary.c.farnsworth@odot.state.or.us. 541-388-6071. See attached Memo and Operational Notice.



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Noncompliant Apprenticeship Ratios, Tom Lauer

Tom Lauer presented Industry with an update on the process for determining apprenticeship ratio compliance. The current plan is in a draft format for implementation on non-OTIA III projects only with OBDP following a similar process for all OTIA III projects as well. See attached draft outline below. Industry brought to agency's attention the release of retainage issue where there is inconsistency in releasing the retainage to the prime but not the subcontractor. Dave Mingo will work offline with Jeff Gower to address a project specific issue. Industry also voiced their concern over the agency's lag time in tracking apprenticeship hours. Industry questioned whether it was possible to generate a daily ticket for apprentice pay to help resolve the issue. Jeff Gower will look into the possibility of daily pay tickets to help measure this. Tom will research a process to improve the lag time.



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Federal Economic Stimulus Package: Project List – Bid Day Options, Jeff Gower

Jeff communicated ODOT has compiled a list of potential State Highway System Projects in preparation for the potential approval of the Federal Economic Stimulus Package. The list of projects totals \$179,597,742 with some of the work being added by change orders to current projects. The goal is to produce as many jobs as we can to help stimulate Oregon's economy. The agency plans to diversify the letting schedules in order to process the coming volume of bids. Larger jobs will be bid every Thursday and local programs on Tuesday. The agency will also look into listing smaller jobs on ORPIN. If the stimulus package is not approved, we will postpone projects until funding is available. If projects need to be delayed, we will try to announce the Friday before the scheduled bid opening. Please see below project list.



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Emergency Maintenance Contracting, Luci Moore

Luci Moore joined the meeting to discuss ODOT's Emergency Maintenance Contracting system. Contractors would like to see a standard process for emergency contracts. Luci reported there is an Emergency Contractor Registry for industry members to view located at: <https://highway.odot.state.or.us/cf/erse/>. Industry would like to see an on-call list broken down by Work Type and Location in order to view available work. It was also suggested to use blue book values at force account rates instead of bids, during emergency situations. Industry recommends ODOT use the Rail Road process as a model summarizing an on-call list of 3-5 pre-approved contractors by region. Local agencies have a similar small works roster program as well, listing contractors. Barbara to forward industry contact names to Luci as a reference for future discussion. Luci will return to the ODOT Industry Leadership meeting in the late spring to review a potential system.

ODOT/AGC Industry Annual Meeting, Jeff Gower

The agenda was reviewed for final updates and the following suggestions discussed. Barbara is to add a 15 minute Contractor Bid Day Debrief following the Legislative Update report. Barbara is to change the title of Contractor Bidding Process to Contractor Bid Day. Bob Pappé will include in his Change Order agenda item, a short high level description of the types of things contractors should be aware of in regards to claims and how they need to tie into accounting systems. Industry will forward a list of questions and issues they wish BOLI to address. Industry recommends BOLI's presentation cover Wage and Compliance classification. Jeff is to work with Mark Dostal to compile a list of issues ODOT would like BOLI to cover. Barbara is to invite Mark Dostal to the annual meeting as a resource. Please send list of issues to John Rakovich by Friday, January 30th for submission to BOLI. See below updated agenda.



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Industry requests agency research the issue in the specification which sets a limit on equipment of 75% of the force account rate. Tim Hendrix will forward an example from a project for Jeff to review with standard specifications.

Industry requests agency research waterproof membrane warranty to clarify what the product does and when the warranty kicks in. If water seeps in to a construction site and causes damage – what party is responsible for covering the expense? Jeff is to work with Mike Dunning to gain a better insight and work toward a solution. Jeff will report back at the March 2009 meeting.

Next Meeting: To Be Decided

It was decided to cancel the February 27, 2009 meeting due to the Annual meeting on February 6, 2009. It was recommended to schedule a meeting the second week in March due to Spring Break vacation taking place during the March 27, 2009 meeting date. Barbara will send a group invite for a proposed date.

Next Agenda:

ODOT / AGC Industry Annual Meeting Debrief
Waterproof Membrane Warranty
Limit on equipment 75% of Force Account