

Attendees:

ODOT: Naveen Chandra, Dale Deatherage, Jeff Gower, Eryca McCartin and David Warren

OBDP: Bill Barnhart, Bob Fitzner

FHWA: Absent

Industry: Brian Gray, Tim Hendrix, Dave Mingo, Maurice Rahming, John Weisner and Scott Williams

Workload Outlook

Eryca McCartin reviewed a workload summary with the group detailing an update on the bid volume, as well as a comparison between 2008, 2009 and anticipated 2010. She also noted all funded ARRA projects are on the bid schedule with most local agencies yet to come. The majority of the ARRA projects have been bid through ODOT with the rest through other venues such as the City of Portland, Clackamas County, Corvallis, and Springfield. Please see attached handout.



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Eryca also inquired on whether it was necessary, when a bid is needed to be postponed, to postpone it a full week. Industry communicated they have no preference to continue this practice. They said postponing Thursday to Tuesday or vice versa is fine - whatever makes the most sense for the issues and the projects at hand.

Also, when postponing a project close to a bid opening, the agency needs to notify all contractors/prospective bidders by fax and list the addendum on the web site.

DBE Form

Eryca confirmed from the Director's office that a DBE form needs to accompany the online bid documentation even if there is a zero requirement. The agency will work to take the amount out of the electronic form to help make it easier to complete. The specification will also need to be updated to reflect this change.

DBE Area vs. Project Reporting

Jeff requested feedback on whether Industry agrees with a monthly cut-off format for DBE reporting. Industry stated this is problematic as their payroll systems are based on week ending. Filling out a monthly report would add more work and an adjustment to their payroll systems.

Jeff also requested input related to the Office of Civil Right's recent requirement to make EEO reporting "Project Specific" rather than "Area Specific". Currently Industry

reports both by area and project. Area reporting is preferred in project locations with a less diverse working pool. Industry would like to have an “Area Specific” option.

Action: Jeff to invite Angela Ramos to the July 24 Industry meeting to discuss further direction.

Containment Issue Update (Piling in Waterways)

Jeff communicated, according to our Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Manager, Jon Germond, an in-water work extension or waiver is needed only when installing or removing a coffer dam if that work is done outside of the in-water work window. The construction work that is conducted within the coffer dam, in the dry, does not require an in-water work variance even when the work is being done outside the in-water work window. Industry is still unclear from the definition.

Action: Invite Jon Germond to the July 24 Industry meeting to clarify specification.

Davis-Bacon / BOLI Wage Determination

Jeff Gower brought to Industry’s attention the joint BOLI/DB Prevailing Wage Rate figures referenced on the web are not correct as they are updated only twice a year. For more accurate information contractors should use the most current Davis-Bacon wage determination and do their own comparison to the current BOLI wages.

NOA:

National Association of Minority Contractors of Oregon (NAMCO) and the Metropolitan Contractor Improvement Partnership (MCIP) Open House: Maurice Rahming of Oneill Electric inquired on whether Industry would be interested in attending a NAMCO and MCIP open house for general contractors. Industry agreed that would be of value as a means to network and cultivate new relationships.

Project Postponements:

Tim Hendricks requested detail on the recent decision to postpone the Cascade Lochs / Multnomah Falls project. The decision was based on a work-zone issue raised during the bidding process. It was an oversight by ODOT that is currently being revised with an addendum. The next bid date is slated for July 16th. Industry requests ODOT change the bid opening date to July 9th. Tim also raised concern that Contractors did not receive notice by fax of the postponement. Eryca will confirm our process, but was under the impression all were notified.

2009 ODOT Industry Leadership Meeting Schedule

Typically these meetings are held on the fourth Friday of the month, with some months adjusted due to holiday and vacation schedules.

January 23

February 6 (Annual Meeting)

March 13 (Rescheduled from March 27 due to Spring Break)

April 24

May 22

June 26

July 24

August 28

September 25

October 23

December 11 (November combined with December due to holidays)

All meetings take place from 9:00 to 11:00am in the ODOT Materials Lab Large Conference Room, 800 Airport Rd SE, Salem, 503-986-3000.