

ODOT/Industry Leadership Group
March 16, 2007

Meeting Attendees: (See attached list)

Electronic Bidding Update:

Wynette Genteman provided an update to the electronic bidding process. The process seems to be working well. They need to investigate the 2nd tier subcontractor forms to see if we can tie those submittals to Bid Express. It was also suggested that Wynette follow up to see if anyone tried and was unsuccessful in submitting a bid.

Contractor Plans Documents:

Wynette Gentemann reviewed ODOT's current practice of charging for plan sets. The current process provides the contractor 5 sets free. Any additional sets are \$7 per set. They would like to move towards everything being available electronically as well as hard copy. Industry reps indicated that the charging seems to be a new practice. Dianna Foster indicated that we needed to review how many sets were appropriate. She will work with her staff and bring a proposal back to a future meeting

ODOT/ACEC/AGC Quality Committee:

Cathy Nelson provided a summary of a meeting of this committee earlier in the week. Minutes from that meeting are attached.



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Materials and Contamination Performance Standards:

A copy of the letter responding to Jeanne Staton's concerns regarding the Materials and Performance standards was distributed. It was explained that the performance standards are under review and industry will be involved in this review.

A couple of related questions were asked regarding lead insurance requirements. It was suggested that we should be identifying exactly where the lead is when we require lead insurance. It also was pointed out that we seem to regularly be specifying lead insurance when we have no known source. It was suggested that ODOT develop a Quality Control check to make sure we really need this expensive insurance.



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Retainage:

At the last meeting, there were concerns brought up regarding the change to 2.5% for retainage. This topic was a follow up to that issue. Jeff Gower reported that ODOT will be changing to set a maximum retainage at 2.5% of the original contract amount. We will not withhold any amount above this unless there are problems with the project. ODOT maintains the right to hold up to 5% of the work performed if progress is not satisfactory.

Temporary Right of Way Procedures:

This was a follow-up to an question raised last month. No one from R/W was available, but Jeff Gower had discussed the question and had the following summary. When R/W is required to build a project, it will be obtained through ODOT standard procedures. If the property was not needed to build the project, but the contractor wanted it for storing equipment or other means that were not mandatory, they were free to pursue on their own. ODOT has not instituted a change in policy in this area.

Force Account Committee:

Jeff Gower provided an update on the work done by a task group working at ways to speed up the time it takes to get a contractor paid for force account work. In general there was agreement that if existing processes are followed payment would occur in a timely fashion. The Construction Manual will be updated to clarify those processes. The most significant area that was identified to speed the process was in assistance ODOT can provide in providing equipment rental rates. It seems one of the major problems for a contractor is obtaining the blue book rate themselves, then when they get the wrong rate on there bill it may take several iterations to get the bill correct and paid. It was suggested that ODOT could provide those rates directly. The Contract Administration Unit will look for a way to build this into the process and update the Construction Manual as appropriate.

Contract Advertisements:

Bob Callaway distributed the attached Technical Bulletin regarding advertisement period for ODOT projects. He asked that any comments on the Bulletin be sent to him.



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Bridge Rail Details:

Bruce Johnson handed out the attached details regarding temporary bridge rail connections. He indicated it was a new detail and was interested in any comments the industry might have. He asked that any comments be sent to him.



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He also handed out a survey regarding the order of bridge plan sheets. He was looking for feedback as the OTIA III projects were using a different order than ODOT had traditionally used and he was interested in input from the industry. Comments were to be sent to the Bridge Section email address included on the survey.



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Use of RCA's:

Jeff Gower wanted to discuss the use of the Region Construction Advisors. Over the past year they have had minimal contact from either Contractors or Project Managers. There was discussion on whether the role was really serving a purpose. In the end, it was agreed that there still was a need, the sense was that the lack of use was more a result of not really knowing who those folks were and a lack of advertising of the role they can play. Jeff agreed to send Greg Miller a copy of the latest contact information so it could be posted on the AGC web site. It also was suggested that ODOT discuss the role and specific contact information as part of the preconstruction or partnering sessions.

PM Positions:

Industry brought up a concern with ODOT's ability to hire quality people to fill vacant Project Manager positions. They indicated they felt strongly that the positions needed to be at a higher salary range. It was pointed out that ODOT was in the process of trying to reclassify the PM's to a higher level, but that it was moving slowly.

Message Boards and Traffic Control Devices:

A question was raised regarding why ODOT had changed its position on a recent project and written an addendum to make the barrels an incidental pay item with the message board. Jeff Gower had researched and evidently someone put in a special provision on a project to revert to this old practice. It was agreed this is not what we wanted to do and the Specification Unit has now taken that option out of their boilerplate special provisions. It should no longer be an option for designers to choose.

NOA's:

The Workforce Development program has been rolled out to all projects in Region 1. A pool of available workers has been developed in the Portland area.

There was a brief Design/Build update. The next stakeholder meeting is scheduled for April 6. Base documents are now available on the website to review and comment on. Please take time to look at. Also, the Design/Build Lite program is developing and has interest from the Regions. More to come later on this topic.

Next meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for April 20.

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Attendees

Jeff Gower	ODOT
Charlie Sciscione	ODOT
Cathy Nelson	ODOT
Mike Long	ODOT
Bob Pappe	ODOT
Marge West	ODOT
Ben Smith	OBDP
Reed Thatcher	KT Contracting
John Weisner	Coral Construction
Greg Miller	AGC
Paul Mather	ODOT
Larry Gescher	Slayden Construction
Forrest Fischer	CH2M Hill
Dave Mingo	Cascade Bridge
Diana Foster	ODOT Procurement
Dim Hendrix	Wildish