

WSDOT/AGC/ACEC Design-Build Team

AGC Building Tacoma

Organized by: Craig McDaniel & Max Kunej **Type of meeting:** Design-Build Contracting**Facilitator:** Craig McDaniel

Attendees:	Contractors:	WSDOT:	ACEC:
	Bob Adams, Atkinson	Craig McDaniel, Admin Engineer	Doug Johnson, CH2M HILL
	Max Kunej, Max J. Kunej	Fred Tharp, HQ Construction	
	Janiece Christian, Mowat	Ron Pate, HQ Construction	
	John Wise, Kiewit	Cathy Nicholas, FHWA	
	Pat Grady, TriState		

Minutes

Agenda item: Open Discussion**Presenter: Fred Tharp****Discussion:**

WSDOT has been working on establishing policies for Design-Build. Tracking of issues and use of knowledge already gained will help guide the process. Our process looks like the following:

- Prioritize tasks
- Use a work group with area experts to handle tasks
- Take products, guidance, directions to industry for opinion when appropriate
- Move work forward to policy makers or send back for re-work
- Once ready for policy decision give to policy team
- Incorporate into guidance, contracts, policy documents, etc.

WSDOT wants to make sure it is a good owner by including industry as we move forward on developing how WSDOT uses Design-Build. Clear and concise goals will help us get there.

Agenda item: South Bellevue RFQ/RFP**Presenter: Fred****Discussion:**

The status of the RFQ and RFP are as follows:

- Shortlist process complete by October 2, 2006
- On track to issue RFP by October 6, 2006
- Proposals due by January 16, 2007

The Renton Nickel project will be next with the following tentative schedule:

- RFQ November 13, 2006
- Deadline for questions November 27, 2006
- Volunteer meeting November 28, 2006
- RFQ questions November 30, 2006
- SOQ January 11, 2007
- Mandatory meeting January 13, 2007

The Renton project does have characteristics of being a Design-Build project. The SR 1687 HOT Lanes project may create some overlap. Does it make sense to add part of the SR 167 project that is at 90% design to this? Discussion took place on how much rework may need to be done on 90% plans. If the plans were certified then the Design-Builder could take them and run with it without having to go back through the design process.

Agenda item: Warranty Issues

Presenter: Fred Tharp

Discussion:

There has been a lot of discussion and work reviewing the use of warranties on design-build projects. What is the real cost and what is the benefit? We decided to not have a pavement warranty on the Bellevue project due to prescriptive specifications and a new type of pavement. It was suggested that we should use WSDOT for QA on pavements. This process works and appears to be the best value for the money.

Agenda item: RFQ Short Version

Presenter: Fred Tharp

How did the short version work? Was it better? There was some concern from the members that the list of projects was removed by addenda. It was an improvement from the first, it being way over the top. However, the page limit may remove information needed to make an informed decision. Oregon has a 10 page limit that seems to work well. The timeline raised some questions. Why is it taking longer for the SOQ evaluations than the RFP? It was explained that WSDOT was having some difficulty contacting references. The suggestion was made to give a timeframe of when references will be called so they know when to be available. The members also wanted WSDOT to publish a draft RFP to help them get prepared.

Discussion took place on the shortlist process. What is the right number? Everyone agreed that three was the right number.

Action items

Person responsible

✓ Publish Draft

R. Pate

Agenda item: Quality Management

Presenter: Fred Tharp

How can we measure when we have it? What should a Quality Manager look like? We need to insure good communication and have accountability. The key is that the person be experienced and is accountable. WSDOT appears to want a licensed engineer for the Quality Manager position. There are many experienced Quality Managers available but the PE requirement cannot be met. In reality, contractors are pulling PE's from design teams to fill the role and they may not be as qualified. The project manager could be the party that signs off on the materials certification.

✓

Agenda item: BAFO Upset Price

Presenter: Fred Tharp

Discussion:

These need to be resolved quickly. There was discussion on the use of upset price and defining ranges. Comments included not looking at technical proposals and to talk to teams. Ask them to submit ideas and to see if they would be under the price. There will be more discussion on BAFO in the future.

Agenda item: Dispute Resolution Board

Presenter: Fred Tharp

Discussion:

When are they effective and what is the role of a DRB? It appears that they are rarely asked to make a ruling on Design-Build projects. Oregon uses a 3rd party that is neutral and agreed on by all and not part of the project. They should be used before we get into a claim situation. On Design-Build it appears that a DRB is not necessary. There needs to be clear time frames identified of when to use.

Agenda item: Formula for Best Value

Presenter: Fred Tharp

Discussion:

You have seen our formula and how we use it; are we doing the right thing? WSDOT needs to get quality to match where we want to be. We need to have our interests + scoring + formula work together and to clearly show a difference.

Agenda item: Incentives

Presenter: Fred

Discussion:

Tabled to next meeting.

Other Information

The next meeting is scheduled for October 19th.