

AGC/WSDOT ROADWAY TEAM
Meeting Summary: September 22, 2011 Meeting

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<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/biz/construction/IndTeams.cfm#AGCRoadTeam>

Introductions:

Dave Erickson began the meeting by describing recent changes at the HQ Construction Office. Mike Fleming has replaced Mike Niemi on the team and is a Roadway Assistant. Other changes in the office include the departure of Jesse Beaver and Mike Niemi and the addition of Stuart Bennion and Marco Foster for the Bridge section. Dave also explained that WSDOT will be experiencing a reduction in force and a reduction in the total number of Project Offices around the state over the next couple years.

Minutes of March 17 AGC Roadway Meeting:

No Comments.

Minutes of Other Team Meetings

- **AGC/WSDOT Admin Team** – No Comments.
- **AGC/WSDOT Structures Team** – No comments.

Old Business

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New Business

- Dave opened up the topic of plant establishment requirements and related timelines. Frank posed the question of whether or not we could have separate contracts for the plant establishment so jobs can get closed out quicker. Gill, Mike M. and Mike F. mentioned that they have used alternative methods for plant establishment such as state forces and separate contracts on a trial or limited basis. Ken and Mike F. stated that there are certain commitments that need to be fulfilled under the initial contract but is not out of the question for longer term establishment. All agreed it's worth considering a separate contract for long term establishment. Travis mentioned that doing this may make it more challenging for meeting DBE goals. Dave noted that WSDOT will have an internal discussion for considering long term plant establishment (beyond 1st year) through a separate region wide contract as a standard practice.
- Dave handed out a draft specification (8-05) for an Environmental Compliance Lead (ECL). Dave explained that this is primarily intended for large, more complex type projects with a significant amount of compliance challenges and permit requirements. This will not be used on every project. The intent of the specification is to have a person dedicated to tracking, monitoring and responding to all of the environmental commitments on a project. Dan expressed concerns about asking contractors to take on more responsibility and to have someone dedicated to doing this work in lieu of someone from WSDOT was redundant. He felt WSDOT should be responsible for environmental decisions since we are most familiar with the projects permit requirements. Travis also said that to have someone there are all times without distractions and solely focused on this issue was nearly impossible. Ken said that he would make some revisions based on comments heard and will share at the next meeting. Ken also discussed a pilot that we are trying on two projects coming on AD this winter (SR2 Bickford I/C Improvement, SR530 Forston Crk Culvert Fish Passage) where WSDOT will transfer the NPDES Permit over to the contractor along with the responsibilities described in the draft ECL provision. This work will be under a lump sum item.
- Dave said that WSDOT is considering using lump sum for all erosion control with a possible incentive for compliance. Frank and Dan were not in favor of using Lump Sum. Dan said that there would be too much risk transferred to the contractor.
- Dave brought up that WSDOT is considering requiring the contractor to provide one price for constructing the embankment from their choice of suitable material type and source (roadway ex, select import, etc....). This would allow the contractor to bid the work to maximize their efficiencies and discourage irresponsible bidding. Frank offered

the idea of establishing a minimum bid for materials so there's more of a level playing field. Dan, Frank and Travis agreed that WSDOT needs to hold contractors responsible for what they bid. Dave said that WSDOT will write a draft spec that will provide more flexibility in material selection and will also include other associated items all into one item. The draft spec will be shared for input at a future meeting to be determined.

Other Business

- **From the Floor** – Dave mentioned that Anthony Sarhan of FHWA wanted to discuss a fraud related topic but is not in attendance. This topic will be tabled until the next meeting Anthony is available to attend.

Next Meeting Dates

- **Oct. 20th**