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Liaison Committee of the
Kansas City District, Corps of Engineers,
American Council of Engineering Companies of Missouri,
& American Council of Engineering Companies of Kansas

October 13, 2005

The meeting was convened at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of the Kansas City Corps of Engineers in Kansas City, MO. In attendance:

K.C. Corps:

Col. Mike Rossi
Steve Iverson
Andre Pouliot
Chris Prinslow
Jim Turner

ACEC/Missouri:

Alan Fandrey
Clarence Munsch
Rich McCollum
Bruce Wylie

ACEC/Kansas:

Randy Gorton
Jack Poole

Staff Changes at Kansas City Corps of Engineers: Bill Waugh will replace Mike Whitacre.

Design-Build: ACEC/MO hopes that the Corps MILCON work will not all go design-build. Col. Rossi mentioned that they have \$600+ million program with tight timelines for Fort Riley. He said the Corps is looking proper risk allocation/assessment in their procurements. No one procurement methods will be used in the future. Design-build may fall out of favor to C.M. at risk procurement because of escalating materials cost that may hit Headquarters of Corps. (USACE) has model design-build language out for comment under FEDBIZOPPS.com. The goal is a best value selection. This is a 400 page document, but consultants should look at sections 110 and 120 for selection criteria. Kansas City District will modify the national procurement approach to include a procurement toolbox of Design-Bid-Build, Design-Build, and C.M. at Risk. District will look at mission first, then apply the best procurement approach.

Fort Riley will have an Industry Day on October 17 to introduce design and construction industry to design-build approach for the many projects at the Fort. There is a survey online the industry can fill out regarding the firms experience and background.

Headquarters (USACE) is moving toward 'just in time' funding for projects. Don't know it will work on traditional capital projects.

Design industry is telling clients to move toward performance-based contracting.

The Army branch's major concern is time on getting N.S. facilities read for shifting of troops back to N.S. from Europe.

Risk allocation: Who takes the risk for Acts of God? Who takes the risk for labor shortages? Who takes the risk for supply fluctuations? Assume risks you control and don't accept risks you can't control. Owner assumes all unclaimed risks. KC Corps will look for the right acquisition plan for each project that best balances risk allocation.

Col. Rossi mentioned that an ex-Corps Colonel now working for University of Texas – Austin, Hans Van Winkle, is a great speaker on Project Delivery Methods.

BRAC is going to have \$4.6 billion worth of work but only have \$3 billion to spend. They are hoping for economics of scale. Will be building some 200 soldier barracks in all Districts. Will be having same type, adjusting only the foundations. May be looking at shorter design life.

Handout on ACASS and CASS change in the new ACCESS System that should be up and running now. Corps needs to know from each a/e firm email contact info.

Handout on Future Corps District Work. Hope to spend \$1.3 billion at Fort Riley over 6 years. Half the Corps budget is congressional add projects.

KC District staff size will not change even though budget will double. \$1 million in projects per staff next year. National Corps budget now operating under a congressional continuing resolution with a November 17 expiration.

Agenda item for next meeting: What metrics do firms use for quality measurement?

The next meeting is scheduled for **January 12, 2006**, at Poole Consulting Services in Olathe, Kansas from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.