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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

July 27, 2007

The meeting was convened at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of HDR Engineering in Kansas City, MO.

In attendance:

K.C. Corps:

Lee Fuerst
Rex Goodnight
Steve Iverson
Larry Myers
Chris Prinslow

ACEC/Missouri:

Joel Cerwick
Alan Fandrey
Rich McCollum
Clarence Munsch
Larry Nespica

ACEC/Kansas:

Randy Gorton
Jack Poole

1. District Personnel Transitions:

- COL Wilson is the incoming District Commander, his bio was distributed (attached) – COL Wilson values partnership with industry – He will attend a future ACEC District Liaison meeting at the Federal Building.
- COL Rossi is now the BIO (Belvoir Integration Officer), Fort Belvoir, VA - Huge construction program at Fort Belvoir (including large hospital project) with numerous districts providing support.
- Bill Zaner retired on June 29th
- Rex Goodnight is Chief of Engineering and Construction
- Teresa McCarthy – incoming Chief of Contracting. Retired Marine LTC, former Chief of Marine Corps Contracting at Richards-Gebaur Memorial Airport

2. Program Update

Steve reported on SAME Conference in Omaha that the event was very successful with around 200 participants; Firms had 5-minute time allotment for a marketing pitch which was a good segue into teaming discussions:

- The district is rated “Yellow” on Small Business (SB) execution thus far.
 - Goal is for 43% award to SB; actual is 25%, under goal but total dollars to SB are high.
 - FY08 for KCD will total \$1.1B - awards to date in FY08 have been \$522M with \$128M to SB
- MILCON Program – Steve furnished program handouts (attached):
 - Huge program through FY2012 (\$700M/year +/-) driven by Transformation, BRAC, Global Restationing
 - \$500M Regional MATOC selections announced are JE Dunn, Mortensen, Watts-Weitz JV, Sundt, and Hensel-Phelps. Forecast to use up capacity in 18 months.
 - Major Projects remainder of FY07
 - Whiteman Family Housing – Design-Build >\$100M – Full & Open, this is 4th attempt on project, 317 units (downscoped by pulling out units to fit under PA).
 - Fort Riley, Health Clinic – CM@Risk \$17M – Currently selecting the A-E.
 - Fort Leonard Wood – Training Barracks Upgrade Program – Design-Build (OMA funded) \$10-50M, must be awarded NLT 30 September 2007. Renovation of “rolling-pin” barracks with specific dosing information on what building is to look like. First of a series of barracks renovation projects.
 - Fort Leonard Wood – Basic Combat Training Complex (BCTC) – Design-Build must be awarded this FY
 - O&M – 20 known actions - \$125M in OMA & OMAF
 - Fort Leavenworth – 4 projects; new JOC
 - Fort Riley – 3 projects

- Fort Leonard Wood – TRAPS relocatables (good size project, Barb Moore is PM)
- McConnell AFB – 12 Projects all under newly selected SATOC
- Whiteman AFB – 4 on list
- FY 08 Highlights:
 - Fort Leonard Wood – Automated Pistol Range, Machine-Gun Range
 - Fort Riley – Digital Multipurpose Range
- Civil Program FY08: Big program is the Missouri River, President's budget \$85M; House \$85M; Senate \$59M – must be reconciled in conference – CRA for FY08 likely scenario.
 - Executed as one Omaha-KC program with Mike George as Program Manager
 - KC portion is \$33M with large part in Real Estate acquisition
 - KC Levees at higher funding level than PresBud
 - Several earmarks
 - Missouri River Ecosystem Restoration Program (MRERP) \$9.5M IDIQ has been advertised – major effort under the contract will be PEIS with other assignments also
 - Civil Planning \$3M/3year A-E IDIQ to be advertised in September 2007
 - Section 14 Bond Bill, Missouri River Mississippi River Enhancement project at Jefferson City \$1-5M
- HTRW Program FY08 – 3 large IDIQ procurements planned
 - PRAC replacements – NWD/EPA Region 2 – four contracts > \$100M MARC – 4th Quarter FY08
 - Nationwide Radioactive Waste Disposal - \$400M – 4th Quarter FY08
 - Architect-Engineer IDIQ Multiple Award - \$125M – 2nd Quarter FY08
 - Small Business A-E IDIQ Multiple Award Contracts – 2nd Quarter FY08
 - 2- 8(a) with \$10M JTA V
 - 1 – HubZone - \$5M
 - 1 – SDVOSB - \$5M

3. Centers of Standardization (CoS) Update

USACE has established CoS at various districts. The CoS districts are establishing standard designs and will eventually transition to "Adapt-Build" initially on Tier 1 essential facilities (e.g., Barracks, dining halls) and later on Tier 2 (MWR, dental & health facilities). CoS efforts are lagging by about 1-year. Teams are working out details of process whereby CoS district responsible for design within 5-foot line of facility and local district responsible for site design (in-house or through A-Es).

4. Periodic Meetings with AE firms who have contracts with the District.

- Rex Goodnight has established to give and receive feedback between AEs and district
- Started with HNTB, CDM is next
- Will hold meetings with four or more firms per year, goal of 2 times during life of IDIQ contract
- AE will perform self-assessment, and district will come with assessment of AE performance (fairly detailed) with items to sustain and items to improve
- AAR on meeting, with items to sustain and items to improve

5. Status of Missouri River Operating Plan

Steve gave a brief update:

- Met with Missouri Clean Water Commission to update MO River Program – 200 people attended with many concerns including dumping contaminated sediment in river at Jameson Island Chute project and took the district to task on Rush Bottoms
 - Testing has indicated sediment is not contaminated
 - River is sediment starved post Main-Stem reservoir construction (20% of sediment load carried by the river before the dams)
 - Will institute independent Peer reviews by institutions such as the National Academy of Sciences on restoration projects

- Shallow water habitat – Per the FWS Biological Opinion (BIOP), 20,000 acres of shallow water habitat must be created by 2020, if not FWS could take over operation of river – creating chutes is the primary method being used to create shallow water habitat
- Spring Rise – Corps couldn't release planned amount of water to create rise in March or May due to storage levels in Main Stem Reservoirs that were below amounts stipulated in Master Manual (effects of drought)
- Mississippi River Commission will float Missouri River in August 2007 – the Missouri River contributes as about 60% of flow in Mississippi River below St. Louis, so Mo River operation is a vital concern of the commission

6. **CM@Risk Briefing**

Rex Goodnight briefed: (handout is attached)

- **Name will change to Early Contractor Involvement (ECI)**
- Another method of early contractor involvement is called Integrated-Design-Bid-Build (IDBB); however, it has many differences
- USACE is working to make some changes to the FAR that will facilitate use of ECI
- Don Curtis was one of the progenitors of the CM@ Risk approach on the Command and General Staff College (Lewis & Clark) facility at Fort Leavenworth which is a big success story
- Design is either by Corps or AE
- Constructor is brought in early for pre-construction services such as:
 - Constructability review
 - VE
 - Risk Management
 - Design input
 - Construction phasing and schedule
 - Pricing
- District has learned it is necessary to force interaction between designer and constructor to make this method work well
 - AE makes space in their office for specified hours per week
- Fixed Price with Incentive Successive Targets
- Construction is an option to the ECI contract with the construction firm
- Construction price includes a reserve amount that the district and contractor can access for unexpected requirements if certain conditions are met – if not used, the contractor gets a share of the reserve as an incentive
- Allows fast delivery – Lewis & Clark facility construction started 12+ months sooner than Design-Bid-Build method, completed on time and under budget

7. **Miscellaneous Items**

- KC SAME Post will sponsor (with the Navy) a seminar on ACASS
- Topics for next meeting or larger forums:
 - BIM – What Software will be selected as standard for Corps?
 - Post Rapanos briefing for firms that provide Section 404 Jurisdictional Waters of the US services (could be a larger forum for all ACEC members)

8. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is set for October 12, 2007 at CDM's office.

Attachments: Agenda; Meeting Sign-up; FY08 CW Project Appropriations Summary; District briefing at Omaha SAME; Current KC District HTRW Contractors; CM@Risk Briefing; COL Roger Wilson Biography