

Kansas Consulting Engineers/Kansas Department of Transportation  
Liaison Committee  
Report of "Stock Options Committee – Reactivated " Meeting held February 4, 2004

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Assignment: The Stock Options Committee was asked to review prequalification categories in the KDOT "Blue Book" (August 2002 Listing of Professional Services for Consultant Qualifications). The Committee was to determine what categories required both an engineer and a landscape architect.

Meeting and Members of Committee: The Committee met by conference call on February 4, 2004. They addressed the requested categories plus other categories and issues. Committee members who participated or submitted comments were as follows:

- KCE representatives: Steve Carr, P.E., (KCE Co-Chair) – Bucher, Willis & Ratliff Corporation, Mike Olson, P.E., – Kirkham, Michael & Associates, Brad Fagan, P.E., – Schwab-Eaton and Troy Eisenbraun, P.E., – Wilson & Company
- KDOT representatives: Neil Rusch, P.E., Jim Tobaben, P.E., Dennis Weinrich, P.E., Hakim Saadi, P.E., and Larry Emig, P.E. (KDOT Co-Chair).

**Recommendations to KCE/KDOT Liaison committee for approval:** The Committee reviewed the requested categories and determined that while doing this effort other categories also warranted a review. The Committee submits by category recommendations for approval as follows:

- 1) **Category 141** – Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Planning  
(Recommendation – No change. Continues only to require a PE.)
- 2) **Category 181** – Corridor Enhancement/Scenic Byways  
(Recommendation – **Change.** Remove LSA and continue to require a PE.)
- 3) **Category 182** – Parks and Recreational Planning  
(Recommendation - No Change. Continues to only require a PE.)
- 4) **Category 203** –Value Engineering  
(Recommendation – No Change. Continues to only require a PE. This was reviewed because it was a specialty area. KDOT wanted to have the consultants' comments to determine if this category was being advertised properly. It will continue to require a certified PE value specialist.)
- 5) **Category 241** – Construction Inspection and Testing  
(Recommendation – **Change.** The new Blue Book is expected to be printed near the end of 2004 and should be approved to remove the language allowing all Level II AC certifications which expire at the end of 2004.)
- 6) **Category 311** – Geotechnical Engineering Services  
Recommendation – **Change.** The same language on the 1050 form should be added to the Blue Book which requires a list of equipment be submitted.)
- 7) **Category 312** – Materials Laboratory Testing Services  
(Recommendation – **Change.** The same language on the 1050 form should be added to the Blue Book which requires a list of equipment be submitted.)
- 8) **Category 323** – Underwater Bridge Inspection  
(Recommendation – No Change. Continues to require a PE. This was reviewed because it was a specialty area. KDOT wanted to have the consultants' comments

to determine if this category was being advertised properly. It will continue to require divers having certification as commercial divers.)

- 9) **Category 401** - Landscape, Seeding and Erosion Control -- This service will include a variety of landscape architectural, horticultural and agronomic functions associated with the design of highway roadsides, rest areas and overlooks.  
(Recommendation – Change. It currently only requires being staffed with PE and the committee voted to add a LSA.)
- 10) **Category 402** - Landscape Architectural Design -- This service will include a variety of landscape architectural functions associated with the design of safety rest areas, overlooks and urban pedestrian and parking areas.  
(Recommendation – No change. The category currently requires a PE and LSA.)
- 11) **Category 411** - Pedestrian and Bicycle Facility Design -- This service will include a variety of engineering functions associated with the linear pedestrian and bicycle trails/paths and on-street bicycle lanes.  
(Recommendation – Change. Remove requirement for LSA and only require a PE. If LSA is needed this will be noted when KDOT is requesting a letter of interest.)
- 12) **Category 412** - Parks and Recreational Design -- This service will include a variety of landscape architectural functions associated with the design of highway safety rest areas, overlooks, urban parks and recreational areas.  
(Recommendation – No Change. The category will continue to require a PE and LSA.)

Three other issues were discussed and recommendations are also being submitted for approval as follows:

- 1) KDOT has had a problem of consultants not providing email addresses or not updating existing addresses such that all solicitations - letters of interest for upcoming work can not be sent by email. The committee supported the idea that if a consultant does not provide their email address in the 1050 form or send updates to their email address, no additional effort other than sending to the email address on file would be required when sending solicitations for projects. Interested consultants would have to obtain this information from the Kansas Register.
- 2) Level IIAC provisions discussed in Category 241 previously will be dropped this coming December.
- 3) When completing the 1050 form (page 6) consultants have been showing the same projects as examples for different categories and also the same ones every year. This may be because they have not done any new work to show or the information was copied from last year's report and not updated. It is requested that this be reviewed by consultants and they provide and explain their most recent work experience for each category.

The Committee requests all recommendations be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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