



Operations Center Engineers' (OCE) Meeting

September 17, 2012
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

MINUTES

Introductions/Announcements:

Lance Grace, Sarasota Operations Engineer, announced the appointment of Jim Nichols as the Consultant Contracts Manager. Terry Muse, Assistant District Construction Engineer, announced the appointment of Jan Thompson as the Consultant Services Manager and the appointment of Sara Stevenson as the District Environmental Liaison.

District Materials' Update:

Sean Masters, District Concrete Coordinator, announced that the Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) will be replaced by the Materials Acceptance and Certification (MAC) system in 2015. MAC is currently in the design stage so if there are any questions or suggestions on how this program could be more helpful, please contact the District Materials' office.

Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) Issues:

Earl Taylor, District One Quality Assurance/Quality Control Manager, stated that he was on night shift last week and visited some of the major projects. Everything is looking good with the contractors keeping up maintenance on the Type B & Type C lights; there were only a few that were out. One problem that is still occurring is the condition of cones and signs. Cones need to be replaced if they do not meet the American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA) guidelines. If the reflective sheeting is scratched on the signs, you are unable to read them when headlights shine on the sign.

Discuss Changing Construction Standard Letters to Standard E-mails: (Handout No. 1)

Scott Presson, Bartow Operations Center Engineer, presented a PowerPoint presentation, Handout No.1. Each office will conduct test runs of this new process; Scott Presson will contact each office to review the process.

*Please refer to OCE Meeting Minutes dated September 17, 2012—Handout No. 1.

Update on Construction in the 21st Century (Handout Nos. 1 &2):

There were twelve inspectors in District One. Nine inspectors remain, one has resigned and two have taken permits inspector positions.

The latest direction on the Construction Engineering Inspection (CEI) Hybrid Plan to keep jobs \$10 million or less in house is still under consideration. There will be a Florida Institute of Consulting Engineers (FICE) regional meeting coming up in early October; Mr. Sands encourages everyone to attend.

The Resident Compliance Specialist (RCS) plan for using the RCS contract received approval to use in house RCS staff. There will not be RCS on any projects unless the projects are really large.

The District Structures Maintenance Office (DSMO) will no longer handle the administration of construction projects; the Operations Centers will manage the administration. James "Jim" Jacobsen, District Structures/Maintenance Engineer, passed out information on upcoming projects, Attachment No. 1. Jon Sands, District Construction Engineer, will set up a teleconference to discuss this information further.

*Please refer to OCE Meeting Minutes dated September 17, 2012—Attachment No. 1.

To reduce the percent of CEI to increase efficient use of Continuing Services (CS) Inspector contracts. Jan Thompson, Consultant Services Manager, passed out the Work Program 5 Year Plan for review. Fiscal Year 13/14 needs to be revised showing staffing updates. Please send updates to Jan Thompson by Wednesday, September 19, 2012.

State Construction Office Requests:

Please refer to e-mail reminder regarding Florida I Beam and the delayed starts on projects let since January 2012.

Discuss Asphalt Friction Course on Reclaimed Asphalt Paving (RAP) Shoulder:

There is no density required on RAP; however, the shoulder standards need to be checked for rolling pattern.

Discuss Constructability Review Grading:

Jon Sands thanked everyone for their effort in getting the grades into the system. One volunteer is needed for a three member task team to write a step-by-step process on how to simplify how the grades are put into the system.

State Construction Office Feedback Meeting:

David Sadler, Director of the Office of Construction, will be here for the Contractor's meeting on October 10, 2012. Jon Sands will send out a meeting request to David Sadler requesting a State Construction round table meeting.

District Construction Engineer (DCE) Meeting Items: (Handout No. 2)

If there are any thermoplastic deficiencies (reflectivity) during the 180 day observation period, get with Marshall Douberley, Construction Services Specialist. Marshall will coordinate with Stefanie Maxwell, Specialty Engineer, to ensure the districts are handling the corrections consistently.

David Sadler has received a high number of extension requests for Construction Training Qualification Program (CTQP) with lapsed qualifications. The Construction Training Qualification Manual (CTQM) requires personnel to seek requalification 6 months before expiration of qualification.

There is upcoming Cathodic Protection Training for two (2) construction attendees per District. The training dates and place will be forth coming. Submit possible attendees to Jon Sands by the end of the week.

*Please refer to OCE Meeting Minutes dated September 17, 2012—Handout No. 2.

Other Topics, Questions, Comments, & Feedback:

Due to time limitations, there were no other topics, questions, comments and feedback.

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Attachments