

District Construction Engineer's Meeting November 24, 2014

New/Recurring Business:

1) Introductions and Agenda Overview

An overview of the meeting agenda will be provided.

CO – David Sadler, Rudy Powell, Doug Martin, Amy Tootle, Larry Ritchie, Paul Martin, Alan Autry, Suzannah Ray

D1 – Jon Sands, Brian Penny

D2 – Carrie Stanbridge

D3 – Steve Potter, Jimmy Miller

D4 – Deborah Ihsan

D5 – John Tyler, Jennifer Taylor

D6 – Mario Cabrera, Ivan Hay

D7 – Rohan Abraham

TP – Pete Nissen, Bill Sears

SMO – Paul Vinik

FHWA – Rafiq Darji

Summary Notes – Introductions were made recognizing those in attendance.

2) CPR Issues (David Sadler/Rudy Powell)

SCO will facilitate a discussion of CPR issues which have arisen since the previous meetings. Districts may bring forward any CPR issues which need to be addressed.

Summary Notes – No CPR issues at this time.

3) Specification Updates (David Sadler/Rudy Powell)

SCO will provide an overview of recent Specification changes. Districts may propose specification changes.

<http://www2.dot.state.fl.us/SpecificationsEstimates/Development/IndustryReview.aspx>

Summary Notes – Rudy highlighted recent specifications which are out for Industry Review. Rich Hewitt will provide a demonstration of the simplified arithmetic mean using an Asphalt Roadway QC Report at the next DCE Meeting.

4) CPAM Updates (David Sadler/Rudy Powell)

- SCO will provide an overview of recent CPAM changes. Districts may propose CPAM changes.

Summary Notes – No CPAM changes at this time.

5) Process Reviews – Lessons Learned (David Sadler/Rudy Powell)

SCO will present highlights of recently completed Process Reviews. Opportunities for improvements and best practices will be presented to the group.

Summary Notes – Rudy provided an overview of recent MOT Process Reviews conducted in District 5 and Turnpike.

6) Collaboration Services for Construction Contracts David Sadler/Rudy Powell/Doug Martin)

Doug Martin to provide a tutorial of digital signatures. Follow-up from October 27, 2014 DCE Meeting.

Summary Notes – Doug made a demonstration of digital signatures.

7) FHWA Requests and Responsiveness (David Sadler)

FHWA is attempting to improve its customer service, looking for appropriate performance measures and ways to improve based on FDOT experiences. DCE's to provide feedback and specific examples related to FHWA's responsiveness to requests.

Summary Notes – Districts were asked to provide feedback to David regarding FHWA requests, responsiveness and required approvals for improving their process.

District 2 – Review and Approval of Task Work Orders on Off System Hybrid Contracts.

District 2/Alan – FHWA timeframe for comments on Design-Build jobs.

District 1 – Can FHWA set a general timeframe or expectation on numbers of days required to obtain FHWA review and determination of participation for Contract Modifications?

Amy Tootle – FHWA review of Final Acceptance and Estimates at FHWA closeout.

8) FTBA Specifications Committee Agenda and Minutes (Reference Documents Attached) (Rudy Powell)

Rudy to go over the Specification Committee Meeting Agenda and notes.

Summary Notes – David provided an overview of the recent meeting notes.

WALK-ON ITEMS:

A.) Cost Savings Initiative in Design-Build Contracts (Mario Cabrera)

4-3.9.7 Sharing Arrangements: If the Department approves a Proposal, the Contractor shall receive 50% of the net reduction in the cost of performance of the Contract as determined by the final negotiated agreement between the Contractor and the Department. The net reduction will be determined by subtracting from the savings of the construction costs the reasonable documented engineering costs incurred by the contractor to design and develop a Proposal. Engineering costs will be based on the consultant's certified invoice and may include the costs of the Independent Review Engineer in 4-3.9.6. The total engineering costs to be subtracted from the savings to determine the net reduction will be limited to 25% of the construction savings and shall not include any markup by the Contractor or the costs for engineering services performed by the Contractor. Engineering costs shall only be considered for Proposals initiated after plans have been stamped "Released for Construction" by the Department as described in the Request for Proposal.

Summary Notes – Mario discussed project specific CSI issues and basis of paying for engineering costs prior to "RFC" plans. Districts were polled to determine if they had experienced similar issues and if so how the issue was handled.

B.) Disposal of Concrete Slurry (Mario Cabrera)

Contractors responsibility for proposal disposal of concrete slurry containing high levels of arsenic and aluminum.

Summary Notes – Mario discussed project specific issues. DCE's were polled to determine if they have experienced the same issues. D2 and D6 will work with SMO on project specific issues.

C.) Mobile Devices/Phone/Computers (Amy Tootle)

Mobile Devices/Phone/Computers based on working title for Construction.

Summary Notes – Amy discussed the need for mobile devices and requested the Districts refer to the HR CPR position descriptions to determine the mobile devices required for each position. Determine which device is needed for each working title. This exercise should be completed and the information returned to SCO by December 8, 2014. Contact Amy with any questions.

D.) Landscape Contracts (Reference Documents Attached) (Rudy Powell)

Follow-up from the October DCE meeting – future changes to programming/administration of Standalone Landscaping Contracts.

Summary Notes – Rudy discussed the future of landscape contracts. Districts were asked to review the information discussed and send comments or concerns to Rudy.

E.) Public Records Request (Rudy Powell)

Summary Notes – A public records request was submitted to the Department seeking information related to the use of micro pile foundations. Districts were asked to look into this.

Next DCE Meeting – December 22, 2014

Submit agenda items to Alan Autry by December 12, 2014.