

Attachment 9

Here is a link to access the online CMDP courses - <https://cmdp.litmos.com/account/Login>

Your username is your email address and your password is FDOT123 (case sensitive).

The BDI training is available at <http://www.cmdp-bgp.com/training-resources.html>

Folks...Thank you for the opportunity to comment. This is so needed!

First, I agree with Rudy Powell's comment regarding handling this outside of the specific contract: *My recommendation is to handle this awareness/ training/ certification outside of a construction contract. Something similar to the services the EEO offer DBEs for developing their business.*

An outreach program for potential BDI firms which educates them on FDOT contract terms, administration, and processes is needed. It is essential prospective bidders understand the terms of the contract prior to bidding. Specific areas of concern we (D2 Resident Engineers, Final Estimates, staff, etc.) have identified include the following:

- **Understanding the Streamline Contracting Process**
- **Understanding the Plan Quantity and Lump Sum concepts**
- **Understanding the difference between Streamline Plan Quantity vs Streamline Lump Sum**
- Understanding the submittal of a Schedule (Controlling Item of Work, Critical Path, etc) and how this ties to Added Work/Time
- Understanding how Time is evaluated on a project (Weather days, Holidays, Time Extensions, Final Acceptance, etc)
- Understanding how contract changes are addressed: specifically, Section 4-3 Alteration of Plans or Character of Work (i.e. Major Item of Work, Markups, Overhead, etc)

The challenges we have encountered can be linked back to the above contract terms and a complete lack of knowledge and/or understanding. Delivery methods could include CBTs, outreach forums, and one-on-ones. *Construction Estimating Institute* (CEI) hosted several sessions in D2 for new contractors doing business with FDOT. Training topics included *Construction Management Development Programs* and *Bond Guarantee Programs*. These were very well received.

It is very encouraging to hear Art has the ability to possibly expand the Construction Estimating Institute's scope to fill a deepening void.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment. If we can assist in anyway, please advise.

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