

Minutes for the TRT Geotech Tele Conference on September 2, 2005

Attendees:

TRT Memembers:

Sastry Putcha

Kathy Gray

Gepffrey Parker

Public:

Sandy Greenwood.

General:

1. Experienced field practioner from the Provider should be one of the instructors and be present during all the classes instructed by an academician.
2. *All the instructors are only conditionally recommended for approval till the TRT committee approves the status change.

Details:

3. AFT was recommended for approval as Provider for Pile Driving Inspection. Don Robertson, Mike Muchard, Tom Santee, Steve Dapp, Dan Brown, Frank Townsend are recommended for approval as Pile Inspectors.
4. *UCF was recommended for approval as Provider for Pile Driving Inspection and Drilled Shaft Inspection Courses. Bert Woerner was recommended for approval as Instructor for Pile Driving Inspection and Drilled Shaft Courses. Also, Dr.Chopra and Dr.Kuo are recommended for approval as (Academicians) Instructors for Pile Driving Inspection and Drilled Shaft Inspection Courses.
5. *MACTEC needs to reapply the Provider application with facilities described (that the facilities meet the requirements of student space) to make the application complete. MACTEC. Jim Horton, Mike Woodward, Kirk McIntosh, Steven Kiser and George Tedder were recommended for approval as Instructor for Pile Driving Inspection and Drilled Shaft Courses. Stephanie Setser was recommended for approval as Instructor for Pile Driving Inspection, Drilled Shaft Courses with experienced field practioner from a MACTEC present during all the classes.
6. Ardaman Associates to reapply the Provider application with facilities described (that the facilities meet the requirements of student space) and the application complete. Zan Bates and Bill Fox were recommended for approval as Instructors for Pile Driving Inspection.
7. MSE Wall course ownership will be decided by legal next week.
8. Auger Cast RFP is being handled by Yvonne Collins, State Construction Training Administrator.
9. Pile Course and Drilled Shaft Course will be updated in January 2006. Sastry will initiate the process in December 2005.
10. In the next week the schedule of all Providers will be set to TRT, so either the TRT members or their designate will attend the first course of each of the Providers.
11. Course-Teaching issues of all the courses (starting in September) will be discussed in the next meeting.

*Items 2, 4 and 5 are modified as follows:

After the TRT meeting Sastry discussed the issue of conditional approval of Instructors with Dave Sadler and Yvonne Collins. Dave explained that the policy of the Department is that Instructors are either approved or not. There are no Instructors with conditional approval.

To reflect this policy, Items 2, 4 and 5 are modified as below.

2. TRT members or their designate will attend the initial course offered by every Provider and evaluate the Provider and the Instructor and recommend their suitability or otherwise to continue further.

4. UCF was recommended for approval as Provider for Pile Driving Inspection and Drilled Shaft Inspection Courses. Bert Woerner, Dr.Chopra and Dr.Kuo were recommended for approval as Instructor for Pile Driving Inspection and Drilled Shaft Courses.

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