



Local Government Section

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Local Government Section

Relationship:

A particular type of connection existing between persons, firms, etc., related to or having dealings with each other.

- Certification represents a new relationship between ODOT and the certified local agency.
- Certification is the process of building that new relationship and understanding.



Local Government Section

- FHWA & ODOT Relationship
 - Stewardship Agreement Section 2.2
 - ODOT is allowed to Delegate some activities*
 - ODOT retains full responsibility, under federal law, for all of those delegated activities.
 - Certification of Local agencies does not change the ODOT - FHWA Relationship

* ODOT must retain specific items



Certification is building relationship between ODOT and the local agencies.

- Develop Understanding.
- Develop trust.
- Setting expectations.
- Defining and refining roles.
- Defining and refining processes.
- Making peace with laws & regulations.
- Agreeing to be partners.



What changes regarding LAL's

- PM role shifts from LAL to local.
- Gate keeper for Federal oversight
- Advisory vs. Directing.
- Review QA/QC procedures vs. QA for projects.
- Periodic reviews for compliance vs. every project.
- P.H.D. in coordination.
- Flow regulators
- Sounding board for all issues
- Still the initial contact.
- Still coordinate issues.
- Still make reimbursement.



Region Tech-Centers

- Client vs. regulatory.
- Advisory on technical issues* vs. technical review.
- No PS&E responsibility vs. signing off on every project.
- Responsible for work on state system
- Still responsible for Right of Way Certification.
- Still responsible for NEPA clearance.

* When specifically requested by the local agency.



Local Government Section (LGS)

- Certification Manager is the liaison to the local agency and the LAL.
- Partnership facilitator.
- Change managers.
- Certification process owner.
- Facilitate success.
- Tester make sure everything is okay.
- Coaching & Training



Certified Local Agency

- The Boss of your world.
- Project manager vs. share with ODOT.
- More control with ODOT as resource.
- Building trust through delivery.
- Shared understanding of processes.
- Owner relationship.
- Responsible and accountable for delivery to ODOT.
- Manage expectations and performance.



Any change, even a change for the better, is always accompanied by drawbacks and discomforts.

[Arnold Bennett](#)

The nicest thing about standards is that there are so many of them to choose from.

[Ken Olsen](#)

Be a yardstick of quality. Some people aren't used to an environment where excellence is expected.

[Steve Jobs](#)