



## ODOT Industry Leadership Group Minutes Friday, March 11, 2016

Construction Section  
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### Attendees:

**ODOT:** Dan Anderson, Wynnette Gentemann, Tiffany Hamilton, Tom Lauer, Larry McKinley, Bob Pappé, Lisa Shader, Ron Singh and Joe Squire

**Industry:** Alan Aplin, Larry Gescher, Tim Hendrix, Kerry Kuenzi, Dave Mingo and Brad Sullivan

**Notes:** Morgan Harrington

### Construction Update, Joe Squire

**Project Schedules** - In an effort to better understand ODOT challenges with project scheduling, Joe distributed a summary of project schedules to the group. This spreadsheet identified projects from previous years carrying over, projects bid as of March 3<sup>rd</sup> and projects not yet bid. This summary estimates the total tonnage of each project, in respect to Project Manager (PM) offices and project contract date.

**Project Close-out** - Joe communicated he is directing PM offices to close out projects at 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> note. Many times the lack of certified payroll and certified materials origin (CMO) paperwork are the most common materials delaying the process. Industry requested access to the Document Records Review (DRR) summary from PM offices, to help identify outstanding documents needed for closeout.

**Action Item** - Joe will explore with PM offices the idea of providing Contractors with a copy of the project DRR summary.

**eConstruction Time line** - Shane Ottosen in Region 2 will be the first PM to receive ProjectWise training on 3/23. ODOT Information Security is currently testing the MS Surface Pro 4 configuration. ODOT will be rolling out the deployment of the MS Surface 4 tablets to Salem, Springfield and Eugene for testing. ODOT will then distribute to the remaining PM offices after the trial period concludes. Industry communicated there is still inconsistency in regards to the acceptance of electronic submittals throughout PM offices.

**Action Item** - Steve Cooley will review the acceptance of electronic submittals with Project Managers at their April quarterly meeting.

**Funding-** Joe reported the Oregon Transportation Commission has approved the allocation of federal funds from FAST Act programs in the 2018-2021 statewide improvement program (STIP). Please see attached summary.

**Lane Rental Charges & Contractor Flagging** - In December, Industry requested a work group be formed to review the Lane Rental Charges and Contractor Flagging specification.

Action Item - A meeting with ODOT and Industry representatives will be scheduled in April or early May.

**Oregon Statewide Sick Time** - The Oregon Legislative Assembly passed Senate Bill 454, requiring all employers provide sick time for their employees. Please see attached Contract Administration Memo CA04 summarizing the Agency's position for addressing Oregon Statewide Sick Time on construction projects.

**Office of Civil Rights,** Tiffany Hamilton

ODOT Submitted a DBE Program waiver modification request to FHWA September 30, 2016 to allow more DBE groups to meet assigned contract goals. The request is still under consideration by FHWA and USDOT.

**2015 Short Fall** - Due to only 6.8 overall DBE participation in 2015, ODOT is required to implement a corrective action plan to increase participation to meet the goal. Below are some steps ODOT is taking:

- Wavier Modification
- Increasing goal sizes around the state.
- Looking at \$1 million threshold
- Improving A&E reporting

**Office of Project Letting Updates,** Larry Mckinley

**Buy America** - The group discussed in-depth rules to the recent US District Court decision to rescind FHWA's waiver on Buy America. Larry McKinley stated when a waiver is submitted it could take 6 - 12 months for the revision to be processed. All steel and iron manufacturing must take place domestically, including coatings. Minimal use of foreign steel and iron cannot exceed .01% or \$2500, whichever is greater.

**Specification Updates,** Dan Anderson

Dan reported he is waiting for comment from Industry on specification 00150.5(F) and specification 00170.72 before proceeding. Ric Miller indicated he would forward responses to Dan Anderson after industry receives legal advice on contractor risk. Industry requested an ODOT/Industry specification work group meet to discuss concerns.

Action Item - Industry will forward representatives to participate on the specifications 00150.5(f) and 00170.72 work group to work through the issues.

#### AGC/ODOT Annual Meeting, All

Joe reviewed the AGC/ODOT Annual meeting survey with the group. Overall the majority felt the event was a great success. Many comments were positive as well as constructive. It was requested to receive a breakdown of attendees for the minutes. It was also suggested to communicate parking options and relay parking structure limitations to attendees prior to the meeting. For the 2017 agenda it was recommended to have a joint panel discussion to include subcontractors, contractors and ODOT representatives.

#### NOA's, All

**PM Transport Upgrades** - PM Transport upgrades will be taking place soon. The software will be moved to a new server. eBIDS will be down, but will cause minimal impact as they will be done over the weekend. Everyone will receive a notice when the upgrades will take place.

**Training Opportunities** - Ron Singh communicated there is a new advanced 3D training opportunity that will take place later this year. More information will be announced in the next few months.

#### **Newberg Dundee Bid Process -**

Industry inquired about the best value preliminary results and described past experience. Wynnette Gentemann described the current process that includes quality checking to merge technical scoring and price component. The best value results are published once the quality check is done.

Industry inquired about release of technical proposals and an estimated time frame that was communicated by OPO (up to 57 days) was clarified. OPO will distribute all technical proposals to technical proposers once the agency is finished with the contract award notice and DOJ contract review process. The technical proposals were released on March 14, 2016.

**The Next Meeting will be Friday, April 22, 2016.**

## 2016 ODOT Industry Leadership Meeting Schedule

All meetings will take place on the fourth Friday of the month. Meetings conflicting with a holiday or special event are rescheduled through the below proposed dates noted with an \*.

January 29

February 19 \* (Annual Meeting)

March 11 \*

April 22

May 13 \*

June 24

September 23

October 28

December 2 \*

All meetings take place from 10:00am to noon in the ODOT Materials Lab Large Conference Room, 800 Airport Rd SE, Salem, 503-986-3000.

(No meeting scheduled in the months of July, August or November.)