

NCDOT / ACEC-NC / CAGC DESIGN-BUILD JOINT COMMITTEE - Minutes

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Location: GoToMeeting Conference Call
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Attendees: See Meeting Attendee List

- I. Welcome and Introductions (Teresa)
- II. NCDOT / NCTA Items (Teresa / Rodger)
 1. NCDOT
 - a. Active Directory Groups
 - NCDOT provided a reminder of the recent changes access to the material provided for Design-Build projects.
 - Instead of requiring each short-listed Design-Build Team to provide a project specific list of team members that will be granted access to the project's secure web portal, the Department will automatically grant access to the individuals listed in the prime contractor's and lead design firm's Active Directory Group (ADG).
 - Each prime contractor and design firm should designate a primary and back-up administrator that will maintain a list of their employees that should be granted access.
 - The ADG Administrators will be responsible for coordinating with the NC Department of Technology regarding any issues with ADB and validating the employees listed on their firms list at least once a year.
 - b. Request for Exception to Participate on a Design-Build Team
 - Embedded staff cannot participate on any Design-Build project. The firm that employs embedded staff can participate on a Design-Build project, provided firewalls are installed.
 - A firm that has requested an exception to participate on a Design-Build project, should not be involved in that project until the Department has provided a response.
 - c. Permit Duration
 - Proposed alternative language on the permit timeframe, as it relates to additional compensation / time, was presented and discussed.
 - The language has been modified to allow additional compensation / time if the 120-day environmental agency review has been exceeded. The previous consideration for additional compensation / time was based on exceeding an 11 or 12-month timeframe if the Design-Build Team has pursued the work with due diligence, the delay is beyond the Team's control and the 11-month timeframe has been exceeded. However, there have been disagreements on the interpretation of "due diligence" and "beyond the Team's control".
 - Since the contract construction duration is based on the anticipated permit timeframe, it was suggested that the Department's anticipated permit timeframe be included in the RFP for reference.
 - The modified draft language resulting from the discussion has been distributed for comment.
 2. NCTA
- III. Upcoming Design-Build Projects (Anticipated DB List) (Teresa)
 - Anticipated list discussed and distributed
- IV. Carolina AGC Items (Victor)



1. Erosion control and clearing and grubbing responsibilities for dry utilities - update on combined committee
 - The Erosion Control Committee has identified issues with requiring the Design-Build Team to perform all erosion control for dry utilities, especially as it relates to including a cost in the Price Proposal.
 - Suggestion was made to consider this approach on a pilot project that consisted primarily of widening existing facilities in lieu of a new location project.
 - This recommendation will be taken back to the Erosion Control Committee for consideration.
 - It was also suggested that the Design-Build Teams perform the design and relocation activities for dry utilities to minimize schedule delays. However, concerns were expressed that many of the utility firms require specific firms to develop their designs, which may create issues.

V. ACEC Items (Jonathan)

1. No new items

VI. Open Discussion / Ongoing Items (Committee)

1. Noise Wall discussion of next steps and action items
 - The Department is waiting to schedule the next Noise Wall Subcommittee Meeting until the balloting process is completed for the I-440 project. The balloting was staggered which increased the timeframe.
 - The NCDOT Noise Policy is currently being evaluated for potential updates – it is evaluated every five years.
 - An internal committee has been formed to evaluate the Policy and make recommendations.
 - Concerns on the subjective interpretation of the current Noise Wall Policy were expressed, resulting in a recommendation to include specific design criteria in the Policy.
 - It was suggested that the Noise Wall Subcommittee be convened to discuss the Design-Build RFP requirements, as well as potential revisions to the NCDOT Noise Policy.
2. Progressive Design Build
 - a. I-2513B & D switch to typical Traditional Design-Build
 - b. Still want to form working group for future opportunities
 - NCDOT personnel recently attended Progressive Design-Build training hosted by DBIA and plan to attend follow-up training on February 4, 2021.
 - The Department plans to meet with members of this Subcommittee to develop Progressive Design-Build Policy and Procedures for potential future pursuits.
 - It was noted that the Department needs to coordinate the FHWA requirements related to cost considerations in the selection process.
3. Stipend Report status
 - Matthew Payne agreed to follow up with status of this report
 - Teresa suggested focusing on the additional work effort associated with developing the Technical Proposals since inception of the Design-Build Program and their value to the Department, including ATCs, hydraulic design parameters, noise walls, etc.

VII. Next Meeting (Jonathan)

1. 2020-2021 Meeting Schedule:
 - May 4, 2021



VIII. Meeting Adjourn

