**CEI Subcommittee Meeting Agenda/Notes**

**MicroSoft Teams Meeting**

**July 15, 2021**

**2:00 PM**

**Members 2021-2022**

\*Jeremy Scott (Co-Chair)- GDOT CEI Program Manager

\*Joe Cowan (Co-Chair)- CDM Smith

\*Timothy Evans- CERM

\*Larry Gregory- KCI Technologies

\*Tamae Partain- Arcadis

\*Joe Sheffield- Atlas Technical Consultants

Mike Thomas- Wood

\*Lee Upkins- Jacobs

\**Denotes Attendance*

* **Any changes to contact info for members:** No changes
* **GDOT Qualified Products List Categories for Innovative Products**

In light of all of the new technologies, alternative energy, innovative products, such as wind and solar power devices for lighting projects, etc. we had a discussion regarding new GDOT Qualified Products List (QPL) categories and/or items to cover these for easier review and approval for design and construction. Tamae Partain has initiated some preliminary discussions with GDOT Materials and New Product Evaluation (Sydney Herrington) and it doesn’t appear that there are any current plans to accommodate this for the future. Subsequent to these conversations, Patrick Allen has been named the new GDOT Materials Engineer and we may revisit the issue with him. Also, we decided to reach out to Kenneth Fluker on the GPTQ CRC Materials Subcommittee to see if they are exploring anything similar, or if they would like to work on the issue jointly with the CEI subcommittee.

* **ACEC Members interested in serving on an advisory committee at one of the TCSG colleges.**

We discussed the 6-22-21 Email from Michael Sullivan regarding: The TCSG Subcommittee of ACEC Georgia’s STEM Workforce Task Force has been working with the Commissioner and leadership of the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) to create and expand programs, especially in the fields of CAD, Construction Engineering & Inspection, Engineering Technology, Materials Testing, and Survey. We want to get more of our members engaged in these efforts, with the ultimate goal of getting more Georgians to pursue careers in the engineering workforce. Several on our committee received the email and have responded to the survey expressing interest in serving on an advisory committee at one or more of Georgia’s technical colleges in their geographical region.

* **CEI Health and Safety Issues:**

At our previous meeting, we discussed some of the challenges of trying to standardize health and safety procedures for CEI staff. Some of the challenges are that most project sites are controlled by the contractor, GDOT is usually the owner, with CEI firms working between the two. The fact that the contractors and CEI firms are bound to follow OSHA and GDOT is not, may be an issue that we will need to consider. We received feedback from our group that most of the individual firms have company specific health and safety programs that range from annual/monthly/weekly/daily safety activities to incentives for safety participation for their field staff.

* **Discussion regarding the format of our meetings**
* Continue with the current Teams Meeting format
* Meet in-person
* Hybrid of in-person and Teams Meeting

The consensus of our subcommittee is that for the time being, we prefer the convenience of the Teams format and will reassess our current format and the potential resumption of in-person meetings this fall.

* **Required Equipment on GDOT CEI Contracts**

We had a brief discussion regarding the required equipment to be provided by the consultant on District CEI contracts. On these contracts the consultant is responsible for supplying all equipment with the exception of concrete testing equipment which is supplied by the Department. For Office of Innovative Delivery and Method B CEI contracts, the consultant provides the concrete testing equipment. The group seemed to feel that if the consultants were to be required to provide air meters and concrete testing equipment for all district CEI staff (potentially 50 or more staff) , it could be a financial burden on the firms without some type of monetary compensation for the expense. In addition, there was some concern that FHWA and others may question test results and calibrations of those devices that are not under the control of the Department. In general, the group feels that there is no pressing need to change the current process of GDOT providing concrete testing equipment.

*We will schedule our next meeting for the first week of September. Date and time to be determined.*