

Notes from the 1/6/2016 ACEC/AIA/OFPM/OSFM/KBR Partnering Committee Meeting

The meeting was attended by Scott Heidner (ACEC), Brad Austin (ACEC), Frank Burnham (OFPM), Randy Riveland (OFPM), John Krudwig (ACEC), Gary Nevius (AIA), Greg Hoffman (KBR), Terry Humphries (AIA), Rod Oathout (ACEC), Doug Everhart (ACEC), and Matt Casey (KBR). The meeting began at 3:00 PM and concluded at 4:30 PM. The meeting was held at the ACEC Offices.

Introductions were made. Doug Everhart is the new ACEC rep replacing Jerry Natchtrab on the committee. Doug works for Henderson. Matt Casey was another new face to the meeting. He is the Director of Government Relations for the Kansas Board of Regents.

The minutes from last meeting were approved (motion by Burnham, second by Krudwig).

It was discussed that the Kansas Board of Regents should be added to the partnering committee as an official member. A lot of the items that we discuss in this committee impact the KBR and Greg Hoffman has been very interested in being involved with the group. Membership approved (motion by Nevius, second by Krudwig).

Due to the addition KBR to the partnering committee, the partnering agreement needs to be amended again. Proposed amendments were distributed for review. Greg Hoffman is to review with his legal counsel to ensure they do not have an issue with signing it. Hoffman is also to tell us who should be signing the agreement from their organization. Austin to update the agreement based upon another OFPM name change and any additional information/changes provided by Hoffman.

It has been discussed that the name of the partnering committee is far too cumbersome to say and type all the time, and thus a new name is warranted. The current suggestion is "State Design Partnering Committee". The group will ponder this and vote on it at the next meeting.

It was questioned whether the OSFM has any interest in being a part of this committee anymore, as they rarely attend or contribute. The group feels that there is great benefit in having them participate in the committee, but we really need to have them be present and engaged to recognize those benefits. Austin to reach out to Brenda McNorton to strongly encourage participation and ask whether they wish to continue to be a part of the committee.

OFPM Update

- School District/Board of Regents Project Price Scoring System
 - Going pretty well and getting better. They have had to educate a lot of superintendents about the new process.
 - A question was raised by one contractor regarding whether the scores were considered public record. OFPM legal counsel has determined that as long as they are in possession of the scoring documents, then they are considered open records and must be released upon request. Thus, they are changing their process to return the scoring documents to the school district or board of regents after their part of the process is complete, so that it is up to the school district to determine what and how to release any information. In either case, the information released is not the actual dollar figures, but is percentages of how the dollar figures are broken out between set categories.
 - OFPM cannot release the pricing scores until after the school district has selected a contractor based on their qualifications.

- SBAC
 - Will meet next Wednesday to short list several on-calls and one big KDOT project.
 - So far this year they have seen far fewer CMAR projects come through compared to last year.

OSFM Update – None (they were not present).

KBR

- They have awarded and are in the design phases of a major P3 project at KU.
 - The project includes a couple science buildings, residential facilities, a parking garage, a central utility plant, and a student union.
 - 15 teams submitted qualifications.
 - 3 teams were short listed.
 - The Edgemoor Team out of Washington D.C. was awarded the project (Gary Nevius is on that team).
 - They did not offer a stipend for this project, but Hoffman wants to consider offering them in the future as he recognizes the large cost to those firms short listed.
 - \$350M project budget.
 - Construction to start in the spring.
 - Design development package just issued within the last week or so.
 - Some legislators have expressed concerns regarding the lack of State oversight in the project. Since the project is entirely privately funded, there is no legislative approval required. OFPM and OSFM will still be responsible for code reviews and inspections, but they will not have any contract administration duties.

AIA Update

- AIA National has drafted a legislation model for the P3 approach.
- There is a rumor that Mark Hutton will be introducing legislation related to P3 this session, but nobody knows what it will say.
- AIA-KS will be hosting an AIA 5 States' Regional Conference in October. They will be inviting non-architects to attend. They will have a day-long trade show. The conference will be October 19-20 at the new Hilton in Manhattan.
- They will be watching for bills related to tax policy, licensure, and P3 this year.
- They just elected an entirely new Board of Directors. Tony Rangel with LK out of Wichita is their new president.
- Humphries indicated that they will have additional committee members in attendance at the next meeting, and that Tony Rangel is in the process of selecting those individuals.
- AIA National is auditing all state organizations to ensure that they are doing what they are supposed to be doing. It is a big process.

ACEC Update – None (nothing of note to report to the committee).

Legislation Update

- Oathout asked for clarification on the ESCO legislation discussed during the last committee meeting as he was not in attendance. Unfortunately, nobody remembered what was discussed.
- Department of Commerce will have to present a status update on the Engineering Initiatives program in 2017, so they will be gathering data and working on that report this year.

Election of Officers

- Austin provided an overview of what it entails to be Chair.
- Nevius noted that the Chair needed to be either an AIA or ACEC member.
- Nevius volunteered to be Chair and requested an ACEC member be Vice Chair.
- Oathout volunteered to be Vice Chair.
- Nevius and Oathout approved as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively (motion by Burnham, second by Krudwig).

KAN-STRUCT Conference Update

- Austin provided an overview of what KAN-STRUCT was and indicated that he had heard both good and bad feedback about various portions of the event. He indicated that the planning for the 2016 conference was already underway.
- Humphries indicated that the planning for the 2016 conference was not underway as there would not be a conference in 2016 or 2017, with an indefinite future after that.
 - She indicated that AGC's annual conference being in January and AIA's annual conference being in the fall presented a major problem in coordinating a date for the KAN-STRUCT Conference.
 - She also cited challenges with coordinating such an event between two entities that are historically opposing each other on projects.

Next Meeting will be held on March 8, 2016 at 3:00 PM in the ACEC Offices.