

- MINUTES -

Liaison Committee
KC District USACE of Engineers • ACEC/MO • ACEC/KS
November 6, 2014
HDR - Kansas City, MO

The meeting was convened at 10:00 a.m. In attendance:

K.C. USACE

Tim Kurgan
David Mathews
Jim Turner
Rex Ostrandert
Mark Frazer

ACEC/MO

Terry Flanagan - HNTB
Joe Marsh - Terracon
Bob Orr – Gredell Engineering
Rich McCollum – HDR
Steve Wells – Hg Consulting

ACEC/KS

Randy Gorton - Rhodes
Ted Hartsig - Olson
Leon Staab – Bns & McD

1. **USACE Program Review** - *Briefing by Tim Kurgan (Briefing handouts (PowerPoint and program summary) were provided)*

Future funding for USACE KC District's mission in civil works, military construction, and environmental programs continue to be a challenge. Highlights of the programs include:

Civil Works - Highlights discussed include:

- Program anticipated to be down over the next year with an uptick in out years
- The Risk Management Centers role in Civil Works Projects has shifted funding from traditional flow from HQ - Divisions – Districts to funding from HQ – RMC. KC District has a role in supporting the RMC with in-house support and through IDIQ contracts
- Reviewed status of funding for the District's top levee program priorities

MILCON - Highlights discussed include:

- Program anticipated to be down in 2016 with an upswing related to National Geospatial Agency Facility in out years.
- The budget for Kansas City District's program for SRM (Sustainability / Readiness / Maintenance) projects grew significantly through 2014, much more than had originally been anticipated. The Army's focus on SRM is to address the backlog of needs at installations. Funding for SRM comes from the Army through the installations (and then to USACE) as opposed to MILCON funding that comes to USACE directly for execution.
- The District continues to focus on the KC-46A Beddown at McConnell and is in initial phases of planning for a new National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Campus.

HTRW - Highlights discussed include:

- Program continues to be steady typically starting the year around \$120M and ending the year around \$160M

2. **AE Contract Administration (open discussion)** – *Discussion by the group*

(a) Sources Sought

- Sources sought provide USACE with market research to assist in their planning on how to structure a solicitation including a focus on rather there are opportunities for small businesses to perform the work.
- For small businesses that are interested in the work it is good for them to respond. Large businesses do not need to respond.

(b) New ACASS system (CPARS)

- The District noted that they do have a backlog of evaluations they are working through. Some of the backlog can be attributed to the new requirement that for contracts that are greater than 1 year, they now require an interim annual evaluation.
- Jim Turner will provide the group with a primer on CPARS at the next meeting.

(c) Updating SF 330's for on-going IDIQ contracts

- As noted last time, updates annually to SF330's for "MATOC Pools" (competitive qualification IDIQ's) are now being required. The District is reviewing methodology for updates – they are taking into account ACEC members input from the last meeting to keep it simple and consistent

(d) Any other contracting issues

- Following up on a topic that an ACEC member identified at the last meeting regarding contract language that required 30 day advance notification of a modification of policy or change in insurance – this can be an issue if the insurance company initiates the action. Jim Turner shared that in the case of a lump sum contract that the insurance is not required, unless as required by FAR if it is work at an installation, it is required.

3. **Overview of Regulatory Trends - Briefing by Mark Frazer**

Mark Frazer reviewed current trends related to the District's regulatory mission, including an overview of their regulatory boundaries, how the District is organized, and data on how permits are processed. Specific areas that he reviewed included:

- An overview of the 408 process. He indicated that with greater demand that review times could lengthen and that developers may have to pay for USACE's time for reviews.
- He noted that pipelines are their biggest area of growth.
- He also noted that projects that involved tree clearing are requiring surveys to assess for potential impacts of the "Northern Long Eared Bat"
- He emphasized the importance of preparing applications properly to help streamline the District's review.

4. **USACE Initiatives Potential Upcoming Programs - Discussion by the group**

- BRAC – At this time there are no plans to address another BRAC until after the 2016 elections
- Requirements for Installation Masterplanning – the district will be responsible for the masterplanning for installations within their AOR. Huntsville and Louisville Districts have a role nationally in supporting masterplanning.

5. **Alternative Funding** - *Discussion by the group*

USACE has goals to utilize P3 for financing civil works projects. At this time they are working out the details for implementation and identification of pilot projects.

6. **Future Meeting Topics** – topics identified for future meetings included:

- USACE Program Review
- Anticipated USACE Initiatives / Programs, such as BRAC
- Contracting Topics / Issues
- ACEC Emergent Leaders Program – Scott Heidner
- CPARS

7. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting is set for **January 29, 2015** at the offices of BHC Rhodes