

## - MINUTES -

Liaison Committee  
KC District USACE of Engineers • ACEC/MO • ACEC/KS  
February 17, 2016  
Olsson Associates, Kansas City, MO

The Kansas City Corps of Engineers / ACECMO / ACECKS Liaison meeting was held at Olsson Associates from 10:00AM until 1:00PM on February 17. Present at the meeting were:

### KC Corps of Engineers

Tracy Davis  
Tim Kurgan  
Jason Leibbert  
David Mathews  
Rex Ostrander  
Carolyn Pearson  
Jim Turner

### ACEC/MO

Michelle Goodare, SCI Engrng.  
Les Hamilton, Affinis Corp  
Dave Kocour, Hg Consult, Inc.  
Bob Orr, GREDELL Engrng.

### ACEC/KS

Ed Hubert, Olsson Associates  
Drew Poole, Poole Fire Protection  
Jason Sweet, Stantec

### USACE PROGRAM UPDATE (HANDOUT ATTACHED)

- Now have a clearer picture of 2016-17 funding
- Have seen an increase in EPA Region VII work the last couple of years
- Slide 5 - Overall funding continues to be trending down in NWK; military programs fluctuate the most
- Slide 6 – NWK Civil Works Program for next year is \$100M; work in CAP program for restoration projects; CG went up based on work for Swope and St. Joseph projects; O&M decreasing, but doing okay on O&M program; next year will be trending downward particularly on the Missouri River Recovery Program
- Slide 7 – Grand River Basin study will be coming out soon
- Slide 8 – Most O&M will be done in-house; IDIQ contracts will be coming up in out years; CAP/PAS work is where the majority of money for AE opportunities will be in Civil Works; seeing an increased need in Planning Section for economic analysis and NEPA, may put a Services IDIQ out which is different than a Brooks Act IDIQ
- Slide 9 – NWK Milcon Program; tend to use existing AE IDIQs to put out bid packages mainly for their four military bases (Ft. Riley, Leavenworth, Leonard Wood and Whiteman AFB)
- Slide 12 – Ancillary Contracts; Commissioning contract RFP is out now
- Slide 14 – Work is shifting more toward to historic renovation
- Slide 15 – Planned MATOCS are most effective way the Corps to execute SRM work; multiple contracts will be awarded for each MATOC category; 5 year contracts
- Slide 16 – Try to do work in-house but may be some AE work if exceed their capacity; some opportunities to get work on Army Facility Components Systems
- Slide 17 – HTRW is the most stable program the Corps has; lean heavily on AE community to execute IRP and BRAC which are trending down; FUDS and FUSRAP programs are the only two program that the Kansas City District is entitled to, others hire out the Kansas City District; new opportunity at Sunflower Army Ammunition Plant in DeSoto, KS, developer spent money they were given for cleanup and Kansas City District is back involved spending \$120M over 10 years; there is typically a FUDS plus up every year; Full and Open contract will be coming out in April timeframe; Superfund work is generally all associated with EPA Region II
- Slide 18 – There will be four small business MATOCS

- Slide 19 – EPA now advertising for A/E and other services on their own now which could negatively impact the Kansas City District in future years
- Slides 20 through 22 – Opportunities will be advertised on MATOC basis not FedBizOpps

### **ACEC Report MO/KS**

- Continued promotion of QBS is a priority for ACEC; studies are forthcoming showing a 20-30% savings to taxpayers when private sector firms are utilized for AE services
- Have received feedback that selection processes in some of the other Corps Districts, not Kansas City District, is slow; Kansas City District it still trying to improve because they see it as an issue internally
- Sometimes notification of non-selection and debrief is slow to happen; Kansas City District has updated their debrief procedures in the last year to conduct within two weeks of selection; competitors proposals cannot be provided even after selection
- Kansas City District will provide debrief template at next meeting (Jim Turner)
- ACEC continues to focus on legislative priorities and funding for public infrastructure
- A number of other ACEC initiatives can be found on ACEC's website

### **Contracting and Procurement Topics**

- Kansas City District continues to press for five year contracts but still limited to three year with two one year options and several other options in between
- Kansas City District would like to continue to receive input on items that they are doing well, not so well, etc.; are there opinions on ACAS ratings; need to solicit input from ACEC firms; constantly trying to improve procurement and acquisition process; would also appreciate input on good practices from other Corps Districts

### **Project or Program Priorities**

- Refer to handout
- Levee Safety Action Classification Program preparing to roll out results and have spent a lot of time on
- Update on National Levee Safety Program; Corps still trying to set up framework, but may eventually be a lot of work for AE's

### **Other Items**

- Kansas City District would like to have at least two weeks of lead time on future agenda items so they can prepare and know who else may need to attend
- Change of command will occur this July
- Rex Ostrander now Deputy District Engineer filling position formerly occupied by Steve Iverson

### **Next Meeting Date and Time**

- TBD

### **Action Items**

- Kansas City District staff to share new debrief procedures at next meeting – Jim Turner, USACE, KCD
- Solicit ACEC member input on ACAS, procurement process and best practices of other Districts – TBD
- At meeting one year from now have the new Commander attend along with Scott Heidner and Bruce Wylie to discuss ACEC's mission