

**Kansas City District Corps of Engineers / American Council of Engineering  
Companies of Missouri /American Council of Engineering Companies of Kansas  
Liaison Committee**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, May 16th, 2013  
11:00 a.m.to 1:00 p.m.  
Olsson Associates  
1251 NW Briarcliff Pkwy, Ste 50  
Kansas City, MO 64116**

- 1. Welcome & Introductions (sign-in sheet attached)**
- 2. USACE Announcements**
  - a. Change of Command
    - i. Col. Hoffman will be retiring and Col. Sexton will assume command of the District during a July 19<sup>th</sup> ceremony at the Nelson-Atkins
  - b. Sequestration Impacts on District
    - i. Training for Corps staff has been cut by 30%-50%
      1. ACEC and other professional organizations may be able to assist by sharing training opportunities with Corps staff
    - ii. Overhead travel has also been cut
    - iii. A hiring freeze (subject to some waivers) is in place
    - iv. District is looking to help other districts to maintain workload for current staff and avoid future staff reductions
    - v. Furloughs for military-related programs staff could start in July and last into September. Affected employees would be furloughed 1 day per week for that period. Currently, Civil Works is exempt from the furlough, although that could change.
    - vi. Effect on staff morale is biggest worry
- 3. USACE Program Update**
  - a. Steve reviewed current expected project programming for upcoming years. The outlook is not promising for FY 2015-2016 (see handouts)
  - b. Army MilCon is nearly completed; AF MilCon may have significant work within the District over next few years; NGA expansion may also involve future activity for NWK; Hurricane Sandy cleanup is being handled by other districts; FLW hospital facility is expected in 2015-2016; some local projects are maintaining funding (Missouri River, Brush Creek and Turkey Creek, etc.)
- 4. Future Agenda Topics Generation**
  - a. **List of potential future meeting discussions included:**
    - Have Scott Heidner (ACEC-Kansas) speak on the ACEC/KS and ACEC/MO Emerging Leaders Program

- Technology transfer training (in lieu of travel & conference costs)
- ACEC messaging to Congress related to USACE programs
- Project/Program management best practices
- Asset management related to a geo-referenced database and detailed BIM-type data for USACE-reviewed infrastructure
- Capabilities and technology on ways to share information across organizational boundaries. Also, cloud computing / document management processes.
- How to raise the bar/profile of engineering. 2011 MO River flooding example, where is the uniform message of system performance and the benefits gained since construction? Assure that multiple organizations tell the same story, emphasizing the same points.
- Sustainability for horizontal construction and how USACE sustainability metrics compare against other sustainability metrics. How do USACE sustainability initiatives dovetail into the rest of industry sustainability requirements? Also, how are life cycle benefits used to justify greater first cost options?
- General work force issues. Generational differences; knowledge retention / maintaining "institutional knowledge;" knowledge management strategies during workforce transitions to retirement or part-time status; adopting formal Army Lessons Learned processes to maintain anticipated "knowledge gaps."
- Sequestration Mitigation – how ACEC can help support USACE mitigate negative effects of the government sequestration
- ACEC messaging through the political process on behalf of the Corps – influence, advocacy, consistent message
- Emergency Response Planning
- IT – communications, remote access, BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)
- Source Selection
- Contracting
- New Technologies
- P3 projects – balancing confidentiality with the public interest


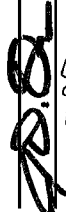
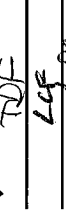






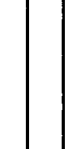


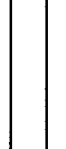
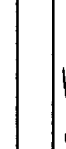
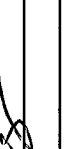
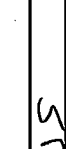





## **5. Other Item**

- a. A presentation of the USACE Leadership Development Program was made
  - i. 2-year program focused on individual development and relationship building
  - ii. 15 selected from 1,000 employees for current class
  - iii. Monthly classes with public speaking and book discussions are part of the program
  - iv. Each class has opportunities to be responsible for charitable campaigns and initiatives to improve USACE processes

## **6. Next Meeting**

- a. In August. Specific date and location TBD. Will use Doodle Poll to reach group consensus prior to.

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