

ACEC-LA / Caltrans D7 Liaison Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2014

INTRODUCTIONS

Abdollah Ansari called the meeting to order and asked the attendees to introduce themselves. After introductions, the agenda for the current meeting was reviewed; minutes from the prior meeting were distributed as handouts.

Abdollah covered some housekeeping items before the start of the meeting:

- ACEC LA Chapter is doing a lot to help consulting firms meet LA County local agencies and provide the forums that expose the programs, projects, contract information, and opportunities available at these agencies. For more information on these opportunities and all of the education programs offered by your ACEC LA Chapter visit: www.acec-la.org. There is a lot of information on the website about the services and benefits that you will get as a member. Also, get involved, and join the different committees that ACEC LA has available; it is a great opportunity to meet other professionals in the industry, legislators, and make a difference in your field.
- Upcoming events include:
 - **March 12** – Hot Lanes Experts Panel with Metro/SANBAG/Auto Club of Southern California.
 - **March 17**, Golf tournament for member firms.
 - **May 15**, ACEC Annual Achievement Awards. These awards recognize industry, agencies, and project accomplishments during the year. Sign up to attend on the ACEC website.
 - **June 4**, ACEC luncheon's feature speaker: US Army Corp of Engineers.

Monthly Luncheons for the ACEC LA Chapter are always at the Hyatt Regency, 333 Figueroa (Figueroa and 3rd).

- The Education Committee would like to hear from the member firms on the topics that interest your staff and your firm regarding training, certification classes, etc. Please send your suggestions to Abdollah Ansari.
- Members are encouraged to attend other ACEC liaison committee meetings: METRO, Ports, City of LA, and coming soon County of Los Angeles; check out the ACEC LA website for more information.
- ACEC luncheons are going on every month; the schedules are posted on the ACEC LA website. Speakers from all agencies come to these luncheons to share their issues, upcoming work, contracting opportunities, and all kinds of exciting opportunities for consultants. Sign up for these lunches using the ACEC website. ACEC Lunches take place the 2nd Wednesday of every month at the Hyatt Regency on Figueroa and 3rd Street. If you are not receiving the emails about the ACEC luncheons please let Abdollah Ansari know.
- Don't forget to check the ACEC website for news and events www.acec-la.org

District 7 Update – Alberto Angelini

Alberto Angelini with District 7 Project Management mentioned that Carrie Bowen is the new District 7 director; she has been acting for the past 6 months as District Director. Lindy Lee has gone to Metro. The Chief Deputy position is vacant.

Alberto stated that there are no upcoming procurements for design, construction inspection, or survey contracts until 2015, since all of these contracts were recently procured. 100 PYEs have been requested for next year, it has not been confirmed, but Alberto does not expect this number to change significantly, up or down.

Alberto announced that potential procurements for environmental contracts will not occur until end of summer 2014 pending on needs. These contracts are for the north region of District 7, high desert (Palmdale/Lancaster area)

Alberto introduced John Neri from DPAC. John spoke briefly about a new pilot program for project procurement.

The intention of the new pilot program is to make the procurement process more transparent. The interview Q&A phase will be eliminated but there will be follow questions based on the contents of the SOQ; these questions will be provided to the selected firms prior to the follow up meeting with the selection panel.

The three main changes for the new procurement pilot process are:

1. Eliminating the Q&A part of the interview process. There will be a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) follow up questions with the selection panel.
2. Selection panel will score the SOQ as a group
3. A list of questions will be sent by the panel to the references (clients) on the SOQ, to score the relevant projects listed. Clients will score your projects from 1 to 4.

The new pilot program is being tested on a District 8 Project Management contract.

SACRAMENTO UPDATE – DINA ROCHFORD

No update today. Minutes will be shared by Dina later

CALSOP – E Week Activities –Abdollah

Please contact Millie if you have not received your package for E Week

CALMENTOR – Alberto Angelini

Save the date for the Calmentor Small Business Outreach for A&E Consultants on April 23, from 9 am to Noon.

Where: Caltrans District 12, Prudential Building Auditorium, 3333 Michelson Drive, Irvine, CA 92612.

Meet Caltrans, Regional Partners & Industry Decision Makers as they discuss the future of Alternative Delivery Projects (Design Build, P3, CMGC, DBFOM).

Local conferences, seminars, and workshops

Check CMAA website for more information on the “Breakfast of Champions” schedule.

Next ACEC-LA/Caltrans Liaison Committee meeting

April 25, 2014