

## **ACEC / CALTRANS LIAISON**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**December 13, 2013**

#### **INTRODUCTIONS**

Andres Roldan 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.

Andres Roldan covered some housekeeping items before the start of the meeting:

- CalSOP (Student Outreach Program) “Engineers’ Week” is coming up in February. Andres encouraged all attendees to get involved with this campaign which consists of going to a high school and presenting to students about the opportunities offered by choosing Engineering as a career. All materials and training are provided to the volunteers to make this presentation possible.
- Please check ACEC website for news and events
- Members are encouraged to attend other Liaison committee meetings. METRO, Ports, City of LA, and coming soon County of Los Angeles
- The Education Committee is currently planning professional training sessions, schedules and topics will be available at the ACEC LA website
- 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. Upcoming guests include: January 15- Port of LA, February 12-Doug Failing from Metro, March 12 – Hot Lanes Panel with Metro/SANBAG/Auto Club of Southern California.  
ACEC Lunches take place the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at the Hyatt Regency on Figueroa and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. If you are not receiving the emails about the ACEC luncheons please let Abdollah Ansari know.
- The upcoming “Legislative Visit Day 2014” is taking place on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Hyatt in Sacramento. ACEC statewide sponsors this event.

## **District 7 Update – Alberto Angelini**

Alberto Angelini with District 7 Project Management stated that there are no upcoming procurements for Design, Construction inspection, or Survey contracts until 2015 since all of these contracts were recently procured.

Potential procurements for Environmental contracts will occur until mid or early winter 2014. These contracts are for the north region of District 7, high desert (Palmdale/Lancaster area)

## **OPENING MESSAGE – Greg Magaziner**

Greg Magaziner, District 7 Deputy Director introduced himself to ACEC members.

Mr. Magaziner shared his background and familiarity with the consultant community as it relates to Caltrans. In the early 1990s he was the head of the State's A&E program out of Sacramento, where he worked with all of the Districts putting together the old A&E manual for Caltrans, until the lawsuits shut the program down. He was also involved in restarting the A&E program after proposition 35 passed. Mr. Magaziner is looking forward to getting engaged in the A&E process once again.

Regarding District 7 procurements, Mr. Magaziner informed the attendees that the Office of Audits and Investigations just completed their audit of the A&E process in District 7 and District 11. The office of Audits and Investigations came up with some general areas where improvement is needed. There were no findings of inappropriate procurement within District 7 or anywhere else for that matter, but there are some controls that DPAC and headquarters need to put in place, and Districts need to follow. Mr. Magaziner is looking forward to getting the procurement process back to District 7, this should happen sometime before the fiscal year ends.

## **SACRAMENTO UPDATE – DINA ROCHFORD**

No update today. Minutes will be shared by Dina later

### **CALSOP – E Week Activities –Andres Roldan**

Andres Roldan reminded attendees to volunteer for Engineer's Week presentations in February. Please contact Rubina or Millie for more information

Andres shared some of the stats for the City of Los Angeles BPW High School Internship (PWHIP) 2013 program:

Internship Goal: 100

Internships: 32

Number of participating firms: 21

Number of CalSOP firms/interns: 2/2

Scheduled interns to work at Caltrans D7: 2

Scheduled interns to work at LAWA: 0

PWHIP Culmination: August 9, 2013

### **CALMENTOR – Alberto Angelini**

Alberto Angelini with District 7 Project Management, shared Calmentor's mission to promote small business involvement in A&E contracts within Caltrans, but the bigger goal is to get them involved with other contracts outside of Caltrans as well. To achieve this goal, small firms are paired up with larger firms; normally Calmentor conducts an outreach once or twice a year to promote firm pairings.

The next outreach will be in District 12 and is tentatively scheduled for the morning of April 23<sup>rd</sup>; the Calmentor committee is still working on an agenda. The agenda is at an early stage, at this point the program will include businesses that participate in Public Private Partnerships (PPP) and Design Builds, in order to provide their point of view to small businesses and others that are willing to

listen. The objective is for these firms to share how small businesses can participate in this growing field of project procurement.

If you have any suggestions for this outreach please pass them on to Andres Roldan who is part of the Calmentor committee or Alberto Angelini.

### **Local conferences, seminars, and workshops**

April 23<sup>rd</sup> APWA Conference.

*Alberto to look into potential conflict of the Calmentor event with the APWA Conference*

### **Next meeting**

February ~~28~~, 2014    *Date changed to February 21. Invitation will be sent in the week before the meeting.*