

SCDOT/ACEC/AGC Design-Build Subcommittee  
Meeting Minutes – March 8, 2017

I. Welcome/Introductions

a. Attendees

Chris Gaskins (SCDOT)	Ben McKinney (SCDOT)
Jae Mattox (SCDOT)	Trapp Harris (SCDOT)
Barbara Wessinger (SCDOT)	Binh Nguyen (SCDOT)
Brad Reynolds (SCDOT)	Claude Ipock (SCDOT)
Chad Curran (AGC)	Kirsten Duffy (AGC)
David Fletcher (AGC)	Richard Nickel (AGC)
Jeff Mulliken (ACEC)	Stephen Ross (ACEC)
Cameron Nations (ACEC)	Bryan Shiver (ACEC)

II. Personnel Changes / Subcommittee Member Changes

- a. Trapp Harris (SCDOT) will rotate on for a 2-year term, replacing Barry Bowers (SCDOT). One additional SCDOT design member may also rotate on for a 2-year period.
- b. Chris Gaskins also proposed having 2-year terms for each organization (SCDOT, ACEC, & AGC) and having the terms all coincide. AGC board to consider and update the subcommittee.

III. Project Updates

- a. Chris Gaskins discussed project selection process as presented in the SCDOT Design-Build Procurement Manual. The process and results will be presented at the 2017 SC Highway Engineers Conference.
  - i. 2017 and early 2018 proposed projects include:
    1. US 21 over Harbor River Bridge
    2. I-85 Phase 3 Interstate Widening MM 98-106
    3. I-26 Widening MM 85-101
  - ii. Changes/New Projects:
    1. SC 277 NB over I-77 – This project will likely not be advertised in 2017. The project will still be run through the project selection process and pending the outcome, will likely not be advertised for design-build until 2018 or will be delivered via the design-bid-build process.
    2. The industry inquired about load restricted bridge packages. SCDOT still determining whether these will be design-build and the timing. A few large bridge packages or several small bridge packages are being considered. The comment was made that many contractors prefer smaller bridge packages due to available resources.

- IV. Action Items from 01-11-17
  - a. Design-Build Subcommittee and Environmental Committee Meeting
    - i. SCDOT coordinating with members from environmental to attend the next meeting.
  - b. RFQ Template
    - i. SCDOT has not yet provided this template to the industry for review and comment. A few minor changes are being finalized and the form will be sent out soon.
  - c. Digital Signatures for Signing and Sealing Plans
    - i. Stephen Ross has forwarded information from other states to Ben McKinney.
    - ii. Jeff Mulliken has approached the SCLLR board, they have not been overly receptive to date. Jeff will continue coordinate with them.
    - iii. Ben McKinney to continue coordinating with SCDOT Preconstruction Support on potential implementation.
  - d. Quality of Past Performance
    - i. Changes have been made to quality of past performance and contractor work history forms.
- V. Design-Build Procurement Manual
  - a. Comments have been incorporated where appropriate and changes have been accepted by SCDOT senior management staff.
  - b. Awaiting signatures by SCDOT senior management staff.
  - c. Links in the document to attachments in the Appendix are mostly for internal SCDOT use and will typically not be available to the industry.
- VI. RFP Technical Proposals
  - a. Commitment to Conceptual Plans
    - i. ACEC expressed concern over plans that are conceptual in nature being a commitment. Design refinement almost always leads to changes that could not potentially be foreseen.
    - ii. ACEC/AGC proposed just stating their actual commitments in the narrative as has been done in the past.
    - iii. SCDOT explained reasons for requiring this including concern for assigning quality points to items that could change.
  - b. Evaluation Criteria
    - i. ACEC/AGC wants to know how to determine what items they should focus on in their proposal and how SCDOT assigns the points.
    - ii. ACEC/AGC would like SCDOT to state if there are specific areas of concern on a project such as MOT.

- iii. SCDOT considering conducting interviews with the Design-Build Proposer between submittal of the technical proposals and award of the contract.

VII. Design Review Process

- a. SCDOT asked for feedback on the design review process and ways to help improve and expedite the process.
- b. SCDOT asked if requiring Preliminary Plans to be submitted with the Technical Proposals would help expedite the schedule. The industry was not overly receptive to this due to the time and resources required to produce Preliminary Plans, which requires considerably more design effort than Conceptual Plans.
- c. SCDOT also proposed potentially not requiring Preliminary Plans and the first plan submittal being Final Plans. The industry expressed concern about not being provided any feedback prior to submitting Final Plans.

VIII. Action Items

- a. SCDOT to request the Environmental Subcommittee to attend the next Design-Build Subcommittee meeting to discuss NEPA Box.
- b. SCDOT to provide draft RFQ Template to ACEC/AGC for review and comment.
- c. SCDOT to provide draft Design-Build Team Performance Evaluation Form and revised Quality of Past Performance Form to ACEC/AGC for review and comment.
- d. SCDOT to provide responses to Design-Build Procurement Manual review comments.
- e. SCDOT to post SCDOT/ACEC/AGC Design-Build Subcommittee meeting minutes on website.
- f. ACEC/AGC – provide comments/feedback on SCDOT design review process.

IX. Next Meeting Date May 17, 2017

X. Adjourn