

## - MINUTES -

Liaison Committee  
KC District USACE of Engineers • ACEC/MO • ACEC/KS  
March 17, 2017  
Hg Consult, Inc., Kansas City, KS

The Kansas City Corps of Engineers / ACECMO / ACECKS Liaison meeting was held at Hg Consult, Inc. from 10:00AM until 1:00PM on March 17. Present at the meeting were:

### KC Corps of Engineers

David Mathews  
Jim Turner

### ACEC/MO

Trey Coad, SCI Engineering  
John Denlinger, HDR  
Dave Kocour, Hg Consult, Inc.  
Tom Poer, HNTB

### ACEC/KS

Jason Davis, Affinis Corp  
Matt McQuality, Geotechnology  
Eric Reed, Poole Fire Protection  
Jason Sweet, Stantec

### USACE Federal Administration Update

- Public Private Partnerships?
- Directives?
  - New director of ERDC
  - COL Larry McAllister (ret), Chief of Engineering and Construction
- USACE Funding?
  - Prez Bud - Tentatively \$1B reduction for the Corps (16% reduction)
  - EPA reduction by 31%
  - FY17 - solid. Beyond some stress for keeping people busy.
- Hiring freeze?
  - Jan 20 - for 90 days while OPM works out details
  - Not a huge immediate process impact as it typically takes 6-8 months to hire
  - Summer hires for Lake offices are exempt from hiring freeze. Also national security exempt.
- Other?

### USACE KCD Program Update

- Dave provided USACE KC Program slides 17 Mar 2017
- Civil Works
  - GI program - very small planning projects - long term concern
  - CG bumping up due to WIIN
    - ♦ 3 new authorizations
    - ♦ 3 902 limit increases
    - ♦ Appropriations not likely until at least 2019
  - IDIQ
    - ♦ Three contracts
    - ♦ Advertised today or Monday
    - ♦ Write guidance
    - ♦ 5 civil - begin replacing in early 2018
- Milcon
  - Recent increase to SRM to installations
  - Vast majority to existing AE contracts
  - \$60 normal - this is double
  - Most installations to 1.6M to 4B increase
  - IDIQ
    - ♦ New AE IDIQs
    - ♦ VE contract will cover NWK, NWO & NWS

- NGA
  - Phase 1 DB about to advertise in the next few weeks
  - Slides show other dates
  - Collaborative Project Workspace (around \$15M)
  - Construction Management Services - AE services contract to support (2-3 contracts for \$9M)
- Enviro
  - Replacement contracts for the MEGA contracts

### **Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN) Update**

- What does this mean for KC District?
- Projects for the District?

### **Update on Status of PL84-99 New Ruling Status**

- No changes since our last meeting
- In the ASA office

### **ACEC Update**

- AE Employment Trend
- ACEC/NYSE/Construction Trend
- 2017 Annual ACEC Convention and Legislative Summit, April 23-26, Washington D.C.
- SAME Industry Day March 27-28, UMKC
- Kansas
  - Funding issues (School funding, taxes on LLC)
  - No QBS was raised in KS and then dropped. Keeps coming up.
  - HB 2201 - 10% private sector savings - not clear comparisons
  - House and Water Environment Committee - investing in water infrastructure - new package
  - SB 224 - 5 cents / HB raise by 11 cents. 5 more likely to pass. Must be spent on roads
  - \$400M in bonding for KDOT
  - Tax lid - state unit caps - ACEC is against. Local should be able to set.
- MO
  - Ameren raised rates
  - Blue Chip Commission - transportation in MO
  - Mercury Alliance - funding transportation in MO

### **Other Items**

- AE contract Process
  - SATOC v MATOC
  - SATOCs with overlapping scopes
  - Rigorous process to
  - Look at SF330s on file to make decision
  - Why not MATOC for AE contracts
    - ♦ Additional QBS on top of initial QBS (SF330) - SATOC is fine
    - ♦ Additional effort for gov't and AE to go through selection.
  - MATOC - capacity of pool is shared
  - Rule of 3 - FAR 36.6 requires contact of at least 3. Getting applied to task orders. May not be the right application
  - Could take to ACEC National - this change in implementation should not supported. (Locally KC Corps is generally not in favor of the change.)

### **Next Meeting Date and Location**

- June 14 tentative