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Liaison Committee**



- MINUTES -

**Wednesday, March 1, 2023
Weldon Spring Interpretive Center**

ATTENDEES:

USACE St. Louis: Susan Wilson, Kevin Deiters
ACEC Missouri: Pam Hobbs (Chair), Wayne Weber
ACEC Illinois: Kipkoech Chepkoi, Shelly Dintelman

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. USACE District Staffing:

- Contracting: Aaron Sanford is the new Chief. Betty Foster is deploying, JD Warby filling in. Archie Ringgenberg has moved to mapping.
- Geotech: Josh VerDught is new Chief (former Dam and Levee Safety).
- Design Lead: Amanda Goltz.
- Mark Roenfeldt retired.
- COL Golinghorst will remain at the District until July. COL Andy Pannier will take over.
- LT COL Sears will be at the District for a few more years.
- MAJ John Miller is Deputy Commander.
- They are looking for electrical engineers.

2. Updates on BIL Funding:

- Increases in funding going to Lock & Dam 25 and O&M work.
- They continue working with other Districts, assisting in Puerto Rico and the work in Sacramento continues.
- Increased funding on the environmental side as well, assisting EPA Regions 5 & 7. Work on the Illinois side as well as southeastern Missouri for lead cleanup. Contracts used are stand-alone contracts; they may need more A/E assistance if the program keeps growing.
- UMRR has also seen increased funding.

3. Lock & Dam 25/NESP:

- The first contract was awarded, that construction will begin this month.
- Phase 2 design progressing, anticipate 35% completion in June.
- Looking at using Integrated Design and Construction (IDaC) delivery method, anticipate final RFP out Q3 FY24.
- Industry Day anticipated late Spring/Summer.

New Regional IDIQ (Upper MVD):

- Expect solicitation within the next 3 months, \$245 million shared capacity, 3-5 small awards and 3-5 full and open awards. In the mean time they are using existing St. Louis District contracts to accomplish work.

4. Container on Barge effects on channel:

- Nothing new beyond their current channel depth requirements.

5. Jana Elementary Cleanup status:

- Further testing is complete, no radiation concerns were found. The report is being written now.
- Hazelwood School District performed their own testing, no radiation was found in those tests.
- USACE will continue to coordinate with the School District regarding concerns.

Other:

- Staffing continues to be a concern. They have implemented a special salary rate table for Hydropower in USACE St. Louis and Vicksburg Districts. Different pay systems have been made available for other areas as needed. They are still seeing a continued interest in remote work. CADD has been extremely difficult to find.

6. Tour of Weldon Spring Interpretive Center:

- Opened Spring 2022. History of the area and the work done there to support war efforts. Stairs to the top of the cell are now open.

7. Next Meeting Date (Missouri to host):

- August 2, 2023, 10:00 am – noon. Burns and McDonnell, Chesterfield. A presentation by USACE on the Metro East Levees project including cutoff walls was requested.