

**Attendees:**

ODOT: Steve Cooley, Ed Fischer, Hal Gard, Wynnette Gentemann, Jeff Gower, Bruce Johnson, Cathy Nelson, Bob Pappé, Angela Ramos, Hormoz Seradj, Ron Singh and Greg Stellmach

FHWA: Chris Bucher

Industry: Larry Gescher, Tim Hendrix, Ric Miller, John Rakowitz, Maurice Rahming

**Environmental Update: Section 18**

Hal Gard, Geo Environmental Section Manager, joined the group to provide an update to the Environmental work under Section 18, which defines Environmental Performance Standards in regards to permitting, in an effort to reduce costs on projects and maintain environmental stewardship throughout the industry. The process will also address the need to meet regulatory goals. The first approach is to adopt a performance standard and goals. The second phase will define high level rules and develop a standard process. Hal will be forming a stakeholder group consisting of governance officials, technical experts and industry representatives at the first of the year to create the Standard. Larry Gescher will recommend Industry representatives to Hal Gard for the stakeholder group.

Industry requests the stakeholder group consider the below issues in setting the Standard:

- Work within coffer dams
- Noxious weed control
- Hydro acoustic guidelines

**DBE Program Changes**

A group consisting of Office of Civil Rights, Industry and Construction will be meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss the DBE Policy change. An update will be given at the January 22<sup>nd</sup> Industry meeting. The purpose of the proposed policy change is to address minority firms certified in one area working outside their area of expertise. Due to gaming of the system, folks who can't get certified in one area, get certified in a simple area and then perform work in all other areas. Maurice Rahming feels the new policy is important in that it keeps specialties within their groups. Bob Pappé is working to define a system to track DBE Certifications once he receives the NAIC codes from the Office of Civil Rights.

## EEO Reports

Angela Ramos, EEO Officer & OTIA III Project Manager joined the group to better define EEO reporting in regards to Project versus Geographic area. It has moved to a project reporting level due to a shift from FHWA years ago and the industry is still responding. All FHWA projects are subject to OFCCP compliance reviews as well as ODOT reviews and must adhere to their requirements as well. OCR has to publish project specific data for the FHWA, OFCCP, and internal agency reports. The issue for Contractors is they may need to change their workforce as they move crews from one project to the next in order to fulfill project specific obligations. The question was asked if contractors need to submit area as well as project numbers in order to satisfy the OFCCP reports. Angela communicated ODOT will monitor compliance on a project specific data basis. Contractors do not need to submit two reports.

Larry Gescher asked if OCR had come to a final agreement on calculating apprenticeship hours as the number of hours does not seem to match their estimates. Angela is working with Specification writers to confirm the numbers for projects. The scope of projects are constantly changing with some still on the OTIA Pilot system. Angela will look at existing project data to see how our goal setting is working. The timing is probably next fall.

## Electronic File Sharing

Ron Singh, Chief of Surveys, Geometrics Manager reviewed the Construction Machine Automation Vision with the Industry group and requested input for inclusion to the summary. Ron is heading an agency committee to develop standards for the use of Technology on Construction projects within the agency. Currently the use of technology has been project based rather than agency wide. The agency is trying to close the gap between the designer and construction phase. Currently the design delivers the plans; in the future the design will deliver the data as well. The targeted schedule will be to begin standardization in 2009-2011, laying out the plan in 2011-2013 and finalizing updates in 2013-2015. Ron also communicated currently there are "Real Time" position sites available throughout Oregon for GPS signal networks for Contractors to utilize rather than them setting up a base station onsite everyday.

Industry would like to receive a digital "Engineering Data Packet" during the bidding process and not when contract is awarded. It was also suggested Ron check with AASHTO to compare how other states are standardizing the use of technology. Contractors communicated they have a much more aggressive schedule for the use of Technology - ODOT may need to move up their schedule. Jeff will add Ron Singh to the next Construction Leadership Team and Project Manager Team meeting agenda. Please see attached summary and schedule.



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## **DEQ Beneficial Reuse Waste Rules, Jeff Gower**

Jeff brought to Industry's attention that DEQ is in a rule making process to declare asphalt grindings as a solid waste. Currently ODOT allows Contractors to dispose of the asphalt themselves. The new rule would make ODOT responsible for disposal, storage and tracking of grindings. Doug Tindall is presently developing an ODOT position paper for DEQ to consider.

## **ODOT / AGC Industry Annual Meeting**

Jeff confirmed with the group that the ODOT/AGC Annual Meeting will take place Friday, February 5, 2010 from 9:00am-4:00pm at the Salem Conference Center. Jeff reviewed the draft agenda with the group for final recommendations. It was suggested to invite Ron Singh to discuss the Machine Automation Vision initiative. It was also recommended to invite Mark Dostal to review payroll issues and training coming up this year. AGC will send payroll/apprenticeship ratio issues needing to be covered to Mark. Jeff will work to finalize the agenda and post on the Construction and AGC website. Online registration is available on the AGC web site at: [http://www.agc-oregon.org/public/board\\_councils/highway/agc\\_odot\\_2010mtg.shtml](http://www.agc-oregon.org/public/board_councils/highway/agc_odot_2010mtg.shtml).

## **NOA**

### **Steel Bridge Project**

Bruce Johnson, State Bridge Engineer communicated the agency is looking at using a new A1010 steel product with enhanced corrosion resistance. It will be used for three bridges, one on Hwy 30 and two in Region 3. The agency is currently developing a procurement contract at the region level to procure, fabricate and store the steel. A draft specification is expected to be completed by the end of the month, a constructability review to take place in January and the first procurement level contract in February and March 2010. Contractors recommend the contract state the supplier will be responsible for delivering the girders to the construction site. Also, the contract needs to allow input into "forming" details specific to the construction contractor. The "new material" may also need some handling guidelines. There is also concern about sole source for the supply of this material. Bruce requested the group forward additional comment to him by Monday, 12/21 at [bruce.v.johnson@odot.state.or.us](mailto:bruce.v.johnson@odot.state.or.us) .

## **2010 Meeting Schedule**

The group reviewed the draft 2010 schedule and requested the March 19<sup>th</sup> date be changed to March 12<sup>th</sup>. Please see revised schedule below. Barbara Harriman will forward the 2010 schedule to Joan Plank for the Executive group.

## **NEXT Meeting January 22, 2010**

## 2010 ODOT Industry Leadership Meeting Schedule

All meetings take place the fourth Friday of the month. Meetings conflicting with a holiday or special event are rescheduled through the below proposed dates noted with an \*.

January 22

February 5 (Annual Meeting at the Salem Conference Center)

March 12 \* (Proposed date due to Spring Break)

April 30 \* (Proposed date due to April 23 AGC Board Meeting)

May 28

June 25

July 23

August 27

September 24

October 22

December 3 \* (November combined with December due to holidays)

All meetings take place from 9:00 to 11:00am in the ODOT Materials Lab Large Conference Room, 800 Airport Rd SE, Salem, 503-986-3000.