

Committee Report on Corps of Engineers/ACEC MO/ACEC KS Partnering Meeting

JULY 20, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

Key USACE Points:

- NWK currently falling short of FY18 small business goals but are anticipating to near/exceed these goals at the end of the year. Large projects planned over the next several years, however, could make achieving these goals more of a challenge.
- Next 5 years for NWK look good; however, the projects seem to be \$500K or \$500MM
- Future projects include the following:
 - Kansas City Levees - \$450MM (not listed in trend assessment); design effort could affect NWK capacity
 - Manhattan Levee System – beginning design efforts; construction a few years away
 - Swope Park – design by Black & Veatch; moving forward with construction
 - NGA West - \$1B
 - Fort Leonard Wood Hospital - \$381MM
 - Whiteman AFB Weapons Storage Area - \$600MM
 - White AFB B21 Beddown (not in program yet)
 - Lake City Army Ammunition Plant Ammo Production Facility - \$500MM; LCAAP reached out to NWK to produce design plans
 - John Cochran VA Hospital in St. Louis - \$650MM; unusual circumstance (typically would be a St. Louis District project); replacement in 2023
 - ‘Ton’ of small action programs (e.g. restorations, paving, building additions) @ FLW ranging from \$100K - \$500K.
 - FLW Blood Processing Center
- Several IDIQ'S expire at end of 2018/early 2019
- 4 unrestricted MATOC planned (\$12MM/yr each)
- 3 small business MATOC planned (\$6MM/yr each)
- Current climate: ripe for opportunity for changes in USACE processes
 - Trying to institute more risk-informed decision making
 - USACE is very process oriented; some processes are mandated by law
 - There does seem to be some reform movement in the contracting arena
- Restructuring
 - Intent is to streamline government
 - Lots of questions
- Continuing Contract Authority (CCA)
 - Allowed contractors to work ahead beyond funded amounts
 - NWK pleased with CCA since it resulted in projects getting done
 - Congress not so pleased with CCA since it was construed that others were dictating budgeting
 - CCA has gone away
 - Without CCA projects are not as efficient and take longer
- NWK Procurement Methods
 - NWK welcomes questions if unclear RFP's are issued
 - NWK prefers face-to-face debriefs

- Previous experience on NWK projects is not a requirement
- MO Legislative Update
 - New governor Mike Parson is pro-transportation
 - Gas tax
- KS Legislative Update
 - Gubernatorial race underway
 - School funding issue is not entirely resolved yet; an inflation component will be added
 - Legislation being considered mandating the use of PVC pipe
 - Transportation Task Force has been formed
 - ACEC KS constantly in search of legislation that would reverse QBS, result in the taxing of professional services, and require KS residents to work on KS projects