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