The Kansas City Corps of Engineers / ACECMO / ACECKS Liaison meeting was held at the Kansas City District Corps of Engineers' Kansas City, MO office from 10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on March 6, 2020. Present at the meeting were:

**KC Corps of Engineers**
- Mike Coates
- Col. William Hannan
- John Holm
- Tim Kurgan
- Jason Leibbert
- Larry Myers
- Jake Owen
- Jim Turner

**ACEC/MO**
- Mike Alexander
- Jess Commerford
- John Denlinger, Co-Chair
- John Frerking
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- Eric Cenovich
- Les Hamilton
- Brent Johnson
- Matt McQuality, Co-Chair

### ACEC News and Updates
- Shared a press release on “Moving America Forward: A Presidential Candidate Forum on Infrastructure, Jobs, and Building a Better America” which was hosted and streamed by ACEC. Made note of USACE backlog of projects totaling $100B among other issues such as climate change and resiliency. ([see attachment for further details](#)).
- Shared the “21st Century Infrastructure Agenda Fact Sheet” that includes policy priorities for the 116th Congress. Highway Trust Fund gap between revenues and annual expenditures projected to grow to $20 Billion by 2021. Highway Trust Fund shortfall partially attributed to current user fees established in 1993. Noted 144,000 hours of lock shutdowns on US waterways due to maintenance and unexpected delays.

### USACE Kansas City District (NWK) Program Update ([see attachment for further details](#))
- Civil Works has stable Operations & Maintenance funding of approximately $70 Million.
- Civil Works FY19 Sup (O&M) – $28M levee repairs.
- Overview of Argentine Pump Station Design-Build (awarded), Levee/Floodwall Raise (largest project), and Armourdale and CID Pump Station repair projects.
- Overview given on General Civil Works projects.
- Overview of Civil Contract Status. AE IDIQ’s have a 5-year base contract + 2-year option.
- Overview of Emergency Supplemental in FY20 and 21 primarily for Missouri River BSNP repairs and lake project repairs.
- Discussion of Military Programs. 2019 was a big year: Next NGA West (N2W); Lake City Army Ammunition Plant Next Generation Ammunition Facility; St. Louis John Cochran Medical Center; Fort Leonard Wood Hospital.
- HTRW – annual funding “Plus Up’s” are anticipated.
- Lacy Kay – new Chief of HTRW Contracts.
- B21 Beddown – contract advertisement for all three facilities at once (handled by NWK).
- Director’s Policy Memorandum (recent AE policy updates):
  - 6c: Multiple SATOC’s that have similar/overlapping scopes will not be awarded (this is different than some other districts). SATOC scopes will be narrowed.
  - 6f: Request for annual SF330 updates.
  - 7a: MATOC Task Order Requirement Notice (TORN).
7a(4): TORN timeframe – 5 days to respond (typical).
7f: TORN debriefings required. For contracts less than $250,000, though, only a short explanation will be given and only if requested (current document says $5.5M).

**Spring Flood Outlook**
- Reservoir drawdowns continue in advance of approaching flood season.
- Aggressively working levee rehabs and construction contracts are being issued. However, small percentage of breaches have actually been repaired. Repairs are expected to be complete by next season.
- Omaha District having more success stories than Kansas City District; however, Omaha District has federal levees which have full federal funding. The majority of the damaged levees in the Kansas City District are non-federal and available repair funding is 80/20 (i.e. 80% federal and 20% levee owner).
- 2020 spring could be shaping up to be a “top 10” runoff year according to National Weather Service.
- Mountain snow pack a little above normal.
- Dakotas/Minnesota above average snow pack; this runoff enters the Missouri River below the mainstem dams and is unregulated.
- $80 to $100 million anticipated to restore navigation structures degraded by the flood.
- However, there does seem to be some political will to reassess the management of the Missouri River to see if improvements are needed; i.e. improve navigation, reduce flooding rather than simply rebuilding levees to pre-flood condition.

**Discussion of the Following Topics (AE sector and NWK perspectives):**
- Recruiting
- AutoCAD (Revit) vs MicroStation
- Employee training
- Draftsman vs drafting engineers
- Design-build project delivery

**Colonel William Hannan**
- Introductory meeting
- Solicited suggestions and open to dialogue to improve NWK processes for working with the AE community

**Funding Diversion for Border Wall Project**
- NWK is not aware of projects have been affected.

**Next Meeting**
- Friday, June 26, 2020 – location to be determined.
Date: 6 March 2020  
Time: 1000 to 1300 hrs  
Location: Kansas City District Corps of Engineers, 601 E. 12th Street (Room 501, 5th Floor), Kansas City, MO 64106  

Instructions: Point of contact to be escorted through security – Sally Hohensee at (816) 389-3713.  
Also, please arrive 15 minutes early to get through security (wear socks with no holes!).

AGENDA

1. Meet & greet with Col. William Hannan.  
2. Programs update.  
5. Discussion on private sector perspective on staying current with CAD/BIM capabilities.  
   - AutoCAD vs Microstation or both or other.  
   - Best practices/suggestions for managing software, employee training, system management, need for “Drafting Technicians” vs the Engineers do all their own drawings.  
6. Discussion Lead Engineer vs Project Manager. In private sector is the PM role generally considered to be “higher or more prestigious” than the Lead Engineer role?  
7. Does USACE KC anticipate any impact to their mission / projects due to a funding diversion to the border wall construction program?  
8. Use of design-build for civil works infrastructure - industry and government perspectives.  
9. ACEC legislative update.  
10. Other Items.  
11. Set Next Meeting Date & Location – TBD.

PRIOR HOSTS

| Feb 2019: Olsson | April 2018: HNTB | | |

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Las Vegas, NV—The dire condition of the nation’s infrastructure was the focus of a forum in Las Vegas Sunday which featured leading Democratic presidential candidates who touted their individual plans to solve the nation’s chronic infrastructure funding dilemma.

Taking part in the forum were Senator Amy Klobuchar; former VP Joe Biden; South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg, and hedge fund financier Tom Steyer.

Sponsored by the non-profit United for Infrastructure, the forum was held at the University of Nevada/Las Vegas, broadcast and livestreamed by C-SPAN, and moderated by the Wall Street Journal’s Jerry Seib and Jeanne Cummings. The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) was a member of the forum host committee which also included labor unions and other organizations representing millions of voters.

Sunday’s forum was the first event of its kind to focus on a singular issue of extreme importance to voters: how the candidates for the White House would lead Congress and the nation towards an infrastructure designed for America’s future, not its past.

The need for leadership is evident at every turn. Congress’ years-long failure to address Highway Trust Fund shortfalls have led to the annual gap between Trust Fund revenues and annual expenditures projected to grow to $20 billion by 2021. The Army Corps of Engineers is experiencing a backlog of projects totaling $100 billion for essential water improvements. 44 percent of major roads are in poor condition and 23 percent of bridges are structurally deficient. Climate change and severe weather increasingly tests the resiliency of our critical water, power and transportation systems.

America’s engineering industry will play an essential role in designing a future where our roads, bridges, airports and ports are not only in a state of good repair but poised to take advantage of new opportunities for trade and innovations in safety, resiliency and connectivity. ACEC’s member firms have the talent and expertise to transform the public space as long as there is vision from the top to let it happen.

“Voters are tired of playing the game of lowered expectations when the rubber meets the road on infrastructure. Every election we are told that improving our roads, airports and water systems is a top priority only to see the issue swept under the rug. That has to change, and I want to remind the candidates that we need bold and consistent leadership in the White House if we are ever going to resolve the damage done by years of underinvestment,” said Linda Bauer Darr, President and CEO of the American Council of Engineers.

“The next president – whoever she or he is - will have the opportunity to grasp the moment and design an infrastructure policy that not only addresses our backlog of existing projects but appropriately prepares us for
the connected cities of tomorrow. Today’s forum is just the start of the conversation about how we will get there and America’s engineering industry will be listening closely,” said Mitch Simpler, ACEC’s Board Chair.

The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) is the business association of the nation’s engineering industry. Founded in 1906, ACEC is a national federation of 52 state and regional organizations representing more than 5,600 engineering firms and 600,000+ engineers, surveyors, architects, and other specialists nationwide. ACEC member firms drive the design of America’s infrastructure and built environment.

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ENGINEERING A 21ST CENTURY INFRASTRUCTURE AGENDA

ACEC and its members call on the U.S. Congress to quickly enact a bold national infrastructure strategy that significantly increases investment in existing core federal infrastructure programs to bring our facilities to a state of good repair and modernize our systems for a growing economy and changing population.

Key Points:

- 44% of major roads in poor or mediocre condition.
- 23% of bridges structurally deficient or functionally obsolete.
- $600 in vehicle damage and $960 annually in congestion costs for the average driver.
- 144,000 hours of lock shutdowns on U.S. waterways due to maintenance and unexpected delays.
- $271 billion needed to maintain and improve wastewater and stormwater treatment systems over the next twenty years; $472.6 billion is needed for drinking water projects.
- FAA forecasts a 50% increase in airline passengers between 2017-2038.
- Every infrastructure dollar delivers nearly $4 in economic activity – a 4:1 benefit ratio.
- $1 billion invested in water infrastructure creates 23,000 jobs.
- Modernized transportation, water, energy, and communications networks will reduce carbon emissions, mitigate the impact of climate change, and foster environmental health.

Action Items:

- Raise revenues to restore solvency to the Highway Trust Fund, and support continued development of alternative funding mechanisms such as mileage-based user fees.
- Cosponsor HR 1497 to reauthorize and expand the Clean Water Act SRF program.
- Cosponsor the Public Buildings Renewal Act (HR 1251/S 932), to create $5 billion in private activity bonds for schools, courthouses, libraries, law enforcement facilities, and universities.
- Lift the cap on Passenger Facility Charges (PFCs); boost Airport Improvement Program funding.
- Incentivize private investment through TIFIA, WIFIA, RRIF, and Private Activity Bonds.
- Oppose policies that restrict the ability of State DOTs to contract with local firms.
- Streamline regulations for efficient project delivery while ensuring environmental performance and public interest protections.

Projected Cumulative Highway Trust Fund Balances, FY2021 - FY2026

Source: GAO analysis of CBO data (GAO-17-317)
WHAT IS THE HIGHWAY TRUST FUND?

The Highway Trust Fund (HTF), was established by Congress in 1956 to invest in our Nation’s highways, roads, and bridges. It is funded to this day through a user fee assessed on every gallon of gasoline or diesel fuel you buy.

Every time you fill up your tank, you help pay for the roads you’re using.

Today, federal funding through the HTF provides roughly 51% of the money for all new road and bridge projects in the United States.

Designed to only be spent on infrastructure.

FACT:

The current user fees were set in 1993 and haven’t been increased since. They are not indexed for inflation.

THE PROBLEM: COSTS ARE GOING UP & REVENUES ARE FALLING

40%

How much purchasing power has declined over 25 years due to inflation.*

66%

The rise in construction costs since 2000.**

300

The average number of miles a vehicle needs to travel before filling up (20 mpg / 15 gal tank).***

THE DANGER: THE FUND WILL GO INSOLVENT BY 2021

The Congressional Budget Office projects that outlays from the Highway Trust Fund will exceed trust fund reserves by a cumulative $123 billion for the highway account and by $46 billion for the mass transit account by 2029.

If no action is taken, the Congressional Budget Office estimates that both accounts of the Highway Trust Fund (Highways and Mass Transit) will go insolvent in FY2021. First, the Mass Transit Account will go broke, followed by the Highways Account.

If another bill simply extends the FAST Act for six years (FY2021 to 2026), it would cost $95 billion just to bail out the Fund and return each account to a zero balance.”

THE SOLUTION: CONGRESS MUST RAISE THE USER FEE

A 15 cent increase in the Federal user fees would ensure the Fund’s solvency and bring it in line with inflation.

More than 30 states have already taken action to address their own user fee increases to fund infrastructure improvements in their state.

It is time for Congress to follow the states’ lead and act to ensure the Fund’s solvency.

IT’S TIME TO #FIXtheFUNDNOW

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AGENDA

- Kansas City District Missions
- Program Trends
- Civil Works Priorities
- Military Program Priorities
- Environmental Program Priorities
- Questions / Discussion
KANSAS CITY LEVEES

Argentine – Pump Station Replacements
- Value: $25-40M
- Acquisition Strategy: Design/Build
- Anticipated Solicitation: FY19Q3
- Anticipated Award: FY19Q4

Armourdale – Pump Station Repairs (SB)
- Value: $5-10M
- Acquisition Strategy: Design/Bid/Build
- Anticipated Solicitation: FY20Q3
- Anticipated Award: FY20Q4

Love/Floodwall Raise – All Projects
- Value: $250M
- Acquisition Strategy: Design/Bid/Build
- Anticipated Solicitation: FY21Q1
- Anticipated Award: FY21Q2

CID – Pump Station Repairs (SB)
- Value: $5-10M
- Acquisition Strategy: Design/Bid/Build
- Anticipated Solicitation: FY20Q3
- Anticipated Award: FY20Q4

SB – Anticipated to be solicited to small businesses.
GENERAL CIVIL WORKS

Levee Rehab (50 to 60 contracts) (SB)
- Value: $100k - $2M ea.
- Acquisition Strategy: Design/Bid/Build
- Anticipated Solicitation: FY22Q1-Q3
- Anticipated CONSTRUCTION Awards: FY22Q2-Q3

Long Branch Admin Bldg Construction (SB)
- Value: $1M
- Acquisition Strategy: Design/Bid/Build
- Anticipated Solicitation: FY21 Q2
- Anticipated CONSTRUCTION Award: FY22Q3

Longview Embankment Slide Repair (SB)
- Value: $1M to $2M
- Acquisition Strategy: Design/Bid/Build
- Anticipated Solicitation: FY20Q2
- Anticipated CONSTRUCTION Award: FY20Q3

Manhattan Levee Raise Construction
- Value: $10M to $20M
- Acquisition Strategy: Design/Bid/Build
- Anticipated Solicitation: FY21Q3
- Anticipated CONSTRUCTION Award: FY21Q4

St. Joe Levee Raise North of 36 Hw Construction
- Value: $10M - $15M
- Acquisition Strategy: Design/Bid/Build
- Anticipated Solicitation: FY21Q1
- Anticipated CONSTRUCTION Award: FY21Q2

Longview Hydraulic Cylinder (SB)
- Value: <$500k
- Acquisition Strategy: Design/Bid/Build
- Anticipated Solicitation: FY20Q2
- Anticipated CONSTRUCTION Award: FY20Q3

Smithville Stillings Basin (SB)
- Value: $500k - $1M
- Acquisition Strategy: Design/Bid/Build
- Anticipated Solicitation: FY22Q4
- Anticipated CONSTRUCTION Award: FY22Q4

Lower MO River Study
- Value: $3 M ($1.5 million received in FY20 workplan)
- Acquisition Strategy: TBD

CIVIL CONTRACT STATUS AND EMERG. SUPPLEMENTAL 6

Current AE IDIQ's
- Ten Planning and Design Services contracts
  - Awarded – May 2019 ($80M - UR)
    - HNTB, HDR, COM Smith, Stantec, Mead and Hunt-Osinov JV
    - Expires – Base: May 2024; Option May 2026
  - Awarded – May 2019 ($36M - SB)
    - DR Reed and Associates (DRAA), Affinks, Prairie-Harmon JV, WRS-LLC JV, GEO-Stanley JV
    - Expires – Base: May 2026; Option May 2026
- One Mapping and Surveying contract
  - Awarded – Aug 2019 ($65M) Stockwell Eng
  - Expires – Aug 2024
- One Geotech Lab contract
  - Awarded – Jul 2019 ($3M) Terracon
  - Expires – Jul 2024
- One RMC AE Support (Guidance updates)
  - Expires Nov 2023 ($6M) URS
  - 3% utilized, ~$5.8M capacity remaining

MATOC's
- Four Missouri River BSNP contracts
- Four base MATOCs awarded March 2018 – one base year with 4 option years
- Three Road Repair contracts
  - Awarded 20-Sep ($1.9mil)
    - Harbour Corn, Briggs Brothers, EST
  - Expires – Base: Sep 2020; Option May 2022
- NEW Road Repair Construction Contract
  - Solicitation Date: FY20
  - Capacity: TBD

Emergency Supplemental in FY20 & 21

Construction
- $20mil for rock repairs MO River (BSNP)
- $10mil for Lake Projects Repairs to: Rip Rap, Channels, Berm/Levee, Gates, Roads.
MILITARY PROGRAMS PRIORITIES FY20

- AF & Army MILCON Support
- Newly Planned Contract Tools
- SRM / Installation Support Program
- Support to the Next NGA West (N2W) Program
- Support to the Ft. Leonard Wood Hospital Program
- Lake City Army Ammunition Plant (LCAAP) – Next Gen Ammo – AE Action
- DVA St Louis John Cochran Medical Center – Project Bock & AE Action
AF & ARMY MILCON PROGRAM

Small NWK MILCON program for FY20:

- Ft Riley – FY19 UMMCA Rail Head Improvements $1-5M
  - SB set-aside, Awarded 7 Oct 19

- Ft Leonard Wood – FY20 ERCIP Instill Cogen Central Plant DB $1-5M
  - Unrestricted, Advertise 2nd quarter FY20

- Whiteman AFB – FY20 Consolidated Vehicle Maintenance Facility DBB $20-30M
  - Acquisition Strategy under review, Advertise 1st Quarter FY21

- Whiteman AFB – FY20 Modernize Lemay Gate DB $4-6M
  - SB Set aside, Advertise 3rd quarter FY20

SRM/INSTALLATION SUPPORT PROGRAM

AF and ARMY SRM has a forecasted increase for FY20 as compared to last few years. Forecasting ~50 actions, value >$150M

Contract Tools: MATOCs, SATOCs, POCAs, AE’s, JOCs

Mission Focus:
- Barracks Renovation
- CDCs
- Historic Building Renovation
- Building Renovation/Repurposing
- Housing Repairs/Maintenance
- General infrastructure
### MILITARY IDIQ CONTRACT STATUS

**Construction**

**FY20 IDIQ Forecast**
- Ft Leonard Wood POCA ~$15M - Award in March 20
- Ft Leonard Wood SATOC ~$49M - on hold
- Ft Riley SATOC ~ $30M - Advertise 2nd QTR FY20
- Ft Riley Roofing Requirements Contract ~ $15M - Award March 20
- Ft Leavenworth SATOC ~ $9.5M - on hold
  Advertise 2nd QTR FY20
- LCAAP Demolition MATOC ~ $120M - Award 4th QTR FY20

**AE and Other Services**

**Additional FY20 IDIQ Forecast**
- AFCS AE SATOC 2 @ ~$20M and $10M - Awarded September 19
- DVA AE SATOC ~$80M - Awarded January 20
- Unrestricted MIL AE SATOC $150M - Synopsis posted 2/25/20
- AFCEC B-21 Beddown ~$220M - Advertise Apr 20
- DVA Commissioning SATOC $9.5M - Award April 20

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### NEXT NGA WEST (N2W) PROGRAM

**Program Scope:** Total Program Amount ~ $1B
- NGA Replacement Facility in North St Louis
- Primary Facility 712,800 sf Secure Analytics

**Design-Build Contractor:**
- McCarthy - HITT

**Small Business Acquisition (Design-Bid-Build)**
- Access Control Points (ACP), 2 each
- Remote Inspection Facility (RIF)
- Visitor Control Center (VCC) Surface Parking
- Landscaping

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Ft. Leonard Wood Hospital Replacement Program

PA amount is $381.3M
Five contracts anticipated:

**Contract One – Hospital & Clinic Facilities.**
*AWARDED:* 8 Aug 2019 to J.E. Dunn Construction Co. & RLF Architects.
Contract Type: Two Phase Design Build (DB).
Award amount: $298.0M.

**Contract Two – Temporary Heli Pad.**
Award amount: $925K.


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LAKE CITY AAP – NEXT GENERATION AMMUNITION PRODUCTION FACILITY

Program Scope: Program Amount $250M+
- Provide facility for new ammo production line
- Primary facility: est. 160K+ SF
- Excludes manufacturing production equipment

Design: AE-Burns & McDonnell, Design

Construction Acquisition: Design-Bid-Build
- Stage 1 Advertisement: FY21
- Stage 2 Advertisement: FY22
- Award Construction Contract: FY23
- Construction Complete: FY26

Small Business Acquisition:
- Site Preparation - Advertise: FY21
- Site Preparation - Award: FY22
DVA – St Louis John Cochran Division

Program Scope: Program Amount $850M+
- Relocate in-patient functions from existing building into new bed tower.
- Construction of five (5+) structures to include: Bed Tower, OIT/FES Warehouse, Central Energy Plant, Water Tower, Substance Abuse Clinic and Parking Garage.
- Demolition of several deficient and underutilized buildings.

Schedule:
- DVA Programing Complete (Project Book) FY20Q2
- USACE Award AE Design Contract FY20Q2
- Concept Design Complete FY20Q4
- 35% Design Complete FY21Q3

Construction Phasing & Small Business Acquisition:
- Undetermined at this time
Environmental (HTRW) Program FY20

- FY20 projections for workload are stable and typically increase from initial projections as customers get clearer information on budgets.

- The Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) Program has received a plus-up nationally in FY20. Kansas City District has submitted requests for funds; however, we do not have confirmation on approved projects yet.

- Almost all of the Program is executed using pre-placed contracts, so opportunities for prime contractor work is limited to firms in the selected pools. Numerous subcontracting opportunities are available with our primes to support projects.

- There are several planned ID/IQ Acquisitions still using the Multiple Environmental Government Acquisition (MEGA) Strategy. That acquisition strategy expires in March 2021, so Districts using that acquisition strategy have a need to get RFPs out on any planned acquisitions, prior to March 2021. Kansas City District’s plan for those tools is included on the next slides.

Environmental (HTRW) Program FY20

- Kansas City District Environmental Program has initiated a periodic conference call with firms interested in status of task orders, planned acquisitions, etc.

- Most recent call was 24 October 2019. Additional periodic calls will be scheduled to provide updates as information changes. A date has not been set for the next call, but it will likely take place late March/early April 2020.

- Please reach out to Environmental Programs (Fraley) or Environmental Engineering (Leibbert) Branches to be added to the email distribution list for future calls.
  - jill.k.fraley@usace.army.mil or jason.m.leibbert@usace.army.mil
Environmental Program Priorities FY20

In-Progress ID/IQ Acquisitions

- Non-MEGA site specific SATOC for the Welsbach Superfund Site (Camden, New Jersey)
  - $110M value
  - Target of 1 firm
  - Small Business (NAICS 562910)
  - Currently in Source Selection
  - Anticipated Award: 3rd Quarter FY20

- NWD MEGA Unrestricted PRAC MATOC (NAICS 562910)
  - Planned capacity: $185M
  - Target of up to 10 firms
  - Currently in Source Selection
  - Anticipated Award: 3rd Quarter FY20

Environmental Program Priorities FY20

Planned Acquisitions

- Non-MEGA Regional A-E Services Unrestricted MATOC (NAICS 541330)
  - Initial planning stages are underway for a new regional (NWD) unrestricted A-E Services MATOC.
  - $225M is the planned contract size will support the mission of NWD & EPA Region 2.
  - Anticipated Synopsis: 3rd Quarter FY20

- Non-MEGA 8(a) Competitive Environmental Consulting Services (NAICS 541620)
  - Planned capacity: $9.9M
  - Focus on Five Year Review Experience and Installation Environmental Support
  - Target of 3 firms
  - Anticipated Solicitation: TBD FY20*

- Radioactive Waste Disposal Blanket Purchase Agreement
  - Planned capacity of $35M
  - Anticipated Solicitation: TBD FY20*

*Note: Formal work has not started on these actions, so schedules are subject to change.
Environmental Program Priorities FY20
Planned Acquisitions

- NWD MEGA Small Business - PRAC MATOC (NAICS 562910)
  • Planned capacity: $176.25M
  • Target of 10 firms
  • Anticipated Solicitation: TBD FY20*

- NWD MEGA SDVOSB - PRAC MATOC (NAICS 562910)
  • Planned capacity of $22.5M
  • Solicitation—TBD FY20*

*Note: Formal work has not started on these actions, so schedules are subject to change.
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QUESTIONS

Doing Business with the Kansas City District Corps of Engineers

1. NORTHWESTERN DIVISION CORPS OF ENGINEERS
2. KANSAS CITY DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
3. IS YOUR BUSINESS “SMALL?”
4. MARKET RESEARCH TO LOCATE OPPORTUNITIES:
5. PROCUREMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTERS:
6. MARKET RESEARCH AND REGISTRATION:
7. OPPORTUNITIES AS A SUBCONTRACTOR:
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CATEGORY: Directive

1. References.

   a. 40 U.S.C. Chapter 11, Selection of Architects and Engineers (Brooks Act)

   b. Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 16.5, Indefinite-Delivery Contracts

   c. Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 36.6, Architect-Engineer Services

   d. Engineer Pamphlet (EP) 715-1-7, Architect-Engineer Contracting in USACE, 29 February 2012

2. Purpose.

   a. The purpose of this Directive is to reinforce requirements and specify procedures for the selection of an Architect-Engineer (A-E) contractor under a multiple-award task order contract (MATOC). This Directive is being issued to ensure compliance with the Brooks Act and FAR requirements.

   b. This information supplements task order selection processes in the current (2012 edition) EP 715-1-7 ("the EP") until such time that the EP is updated. To the extent that any interpretation of this Directive conflicts with the EP, this Directive will take precedence. To the extent that any interpretation of this Directive conflicts with the Brooks Act and/or the FAR, the Brooks Act and/or the FAR will take precedence.

3. Applicability.

   This Directive is applicable to all Headquarters USACE elements, Divisions, Districts, Centers, Laboratories and Field Operating Activities for all A-E Brooks Act selections under IDCs.

4. Definitions per this Directive.

   a. Indefinite Delivery Contract (IDC) (also known as an Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity Contract) — Provides for an indefinite quantity, with stated limits, of supplies or services during a fixed period. The government places orders for individual requirements. See FAR Subpart 16.5.
b. Single Award Task Order Contract (SATOC) – A single base contract with a specific scope that is awarded to a single A-E firm under which task orders are issued.

c. Multiple Award Task Order Contract (MATOC) – A base contract awarded to a pool of a minimum of three A-E firms issued from a single solicitation. An individual firm is selected from the pool and awarded a task order for each requirement that arises within scope of the base contract. Capacity of the contract is shared among the pool of A-E firms awarded the base contract.

5. **Implementation.**

Procedures specified herein shall apply to all new multiple-award A-E base contracts (and task order selections made under those base contracts) subsequent to the date of this Directive. Existing IDCs and those IDCs that have already gone through the selection phase are not affected unless otherwise noted herein. Nevertheless, it is strongly recommended that procedures that would not require a contractual change to existing IDCs be implemented immediately.

6. **Base Contracts.**

a. SATOCs. Districts or Centers may award SATOCs without having to justify why multiple awards are not appropriate (FAR 16.500(d)). As a result, when an A-E SATOC has been properly awarded and no other SATOC awarded by the District or Center includes the same or similar (i.e., overlapping) scope of work, Districts and Centers need not comply with the procedures required for Multiple Award IDCs as outlined below. The selection and award of SATOCs are qualifications-based per the Brooks Act (EP 715-1-7, para 2-8.e).

b. MATOCs. The selection and award of task orders under A-E MATOCs must be executed as qualifications-based contract actions, per the Brooks Act (EP 715-1-7, para 2-8.e), following the requirements of FAR 16.500(d) and Subpart 36.6.

c. Districts or Centers shall not award multiple A-E SATOCs that have the same or overlapping scopes of work from either a single or multiple synopses. This means that the breadth of each SATOC synopsis scope should be narrowed, both substantively and geographically, to ensure that only one contractor is evaluated as the most highly qualified firm to perform the entire scope of services under the awarded SATOC.

d. Selection of at Least Three Firms. When awarding MATOCs, it is necessary to select and award to at least three firms to comply with FAR 16.500(d) and Subpart 36.6. However, in the event that three firms are not part of the MATOC ordering pool, making it non-compliant with the Brooks Act and the procedure in FAR Subpart 36.6, the MATOC (base contract) will require justification and approval in accordance with FAR Subpart 6.3. Under paragraph 7a(4) below, if fewer than three firms respond to a Task Order Requirement Notice (TORN), then justification and approval under FAR Subpart 6.3 may not be required to allow the Task Order selection and award, provided that the base contract was awarded to at least three firms or an approved justification and approval for award to fewer than three firms was received.
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e. Avoiding Overly Broad Scopes. It is important that the scopes of work for an A-E IDC not be overly broad (e.g., all manner of A-E work that could potentially be performed within a District, or work that extends beyond a Division boundary not specific to a defined program). The use of such broad scopes makes it extremely difficult to comply with the Brooks Act and implementing regulations.

f. Annual Updates for SF 330s. As most A-E IDCs have extended performance periods of five (5) years or longer, the information contained in the SF 330 on file used for selection can become outdated over the term of the IDC. Per the Brooks Act, firms are encouraged to update their qualifications information on a yearly basis. A-E firms will be encouraged to amend their SF 330s to showcase relevant recently completed projects, to update the resumes, and to provide an updated SF 330 (Part II) for their team. Any changes in key personnel and subcontractors from what was approved in the SF 330 on file shall be reviewed for formal approval by the Contracting Officer as soon as practical per the procedures specified in the EP, FAR 44.204(b), and FAR 52.244-4.

7. Task Order Selection Procedures. The following selection criteria and procedures shall be used for task order selection among all future A-E MATOCs. After the requirement is received and validated, the technical lead will provide input to the Contracting Officer regarding which specific A-E contract(s) have scopes that include the specific requirement. Because it is the Contracting Officer’s legal obligation to ensure that any task order issued under an IDC is within the scope of that IDC, the Contracting Officer will approve which contract or suite of contracts encompasses the required scope of services.

a. Task Order Requirement Notice (TORN). If a task order is to be awarded under a MATOC, the Contracting Officer shall notify all A-E firms within the MATOC pool of the task order requirement. The TORN shall include a short summary of the scope of work, selection criteria, and a Request for Supplemental Information tailored to the specific task order requirement. Enclosure 1 is a sample TORN with the supplemental information request.

1. Task order specific selection criteria shall be listed in order of importance and relative weight, and must include, at a minimum, the criteria required by FAR 36.602-1.

2. Information requested in the TORN is intended to supplement existing information and as such should focus on information required to effectively evaluate each firm relative to the specific task order requirement. For example, the TORN might indicate that each firm should submit only three relevant projects demonstrating their specialized experience to perform the task order requirement or information on personnel to be used for the project and, if not already identified in the existing SF 330, their qualifications. The expectation is that, in most cases, the information provided by the A-E firm should be fairly brief (three pages or less), and require minimal effort on the A-E firm’s part. The set of questions or request for information sent to each firm must be identical. Submission of a new SF 330 is not required for each task order unless requested by the TORN.
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(3) The TORN will include questions to each A-E firm concerning their concepts and methods for furnishing the requested services. Including this inquiry with the TORN would satisfy the requirements for discussions stated in FAR 36.602-3(c).

(4) The Contracting Officer should give each firm sufficient time as is necessary under the circumstances to submit the supplemental information. Typically, given the focused nature of the request, most information should be able to be provided within five days. A firm may choose not to respond or to indicate that the information on file is adequate (see paragraph 7.c. below). A firm may also request that they not be considered for the specific task order requirement (and would subsequently not be among those firms evaluated); if fewer than three firms respond to the TORN, then justification and approval under FAR Subpart 6.3 may not be required to allow the selection.

b. Selection Board Composition. The chairperson and any board members shall have the same qualifications as stated in paragraph 3-6.b. of EP 715-1-7. The composition of the selection board should be tailored to the task order requirement, subject to the following limitations:

(1) For task order projects with an estimated value greater than $5.5 million, the chairperson and evaluation board members shall have the same makeup as stated in paragraph 3-6.b. of EP 715-1-7.

(2) For task order projects with an estimated value between the Simplified Acquisition Threshold (SAT, at the time of publication the SAT is $250K) and $5.5 million, the selection board may consist of as few as two evaluators, including the chairperson.

(3) For task order projects with an estimated value below the SAT, the selection board may consist of a single evaluator in accordance with FAR 36.602-5(b).

c. Evaluation and Discussions (Interviews). Using the selection criteria specified in the TORN, the selection board will evaluate the SF 330s on file and responses to the Task Order Questionnaire to determine the three most highly qualified firms for the specific task order requirement.

d. Selection Memorandum. Following the evaluation, the selection board shall prepare a selection memorandum recommending, in order of preference, at least three firms that are considered the most highly qualified to perform the work called for under the task order.

(1) The selection memorandum must indicate the rationale for the ranking of the most highly qualified firms by the selection board against the selection criteria in sufficient detail to allow the selection authority to understand the basis for the recommendations. A detailed selection report using formal language is not necessary, but as with any procurement document, it must be sufficiently detailed to rationally support the decision.
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(2) The selection report documentation need not be extensive, but it must clearly reflect a) what information was used to evaluate; and b) the results of the evaluation and any discussions against the selection criteria used for the task order.

e. Selection Decision. The task order selection authority making the selection decision shall be designated in accordance with AFARS 5136.602-4 and 5136.602-5 and USACE implementation guidance. It is recommended that the selection authority for task orders greater than $5.5M be the Chief of the District’s or Center’s Engineering Division. The task order selection authority will review the recommendations prepared by the evaluation board and make the final selection decision. FAR 36.602-4 provides guidance if the selection authority does not agree with the recommendations of the selection board.

f. Notification and Debriefings. All firms who were sent a TORN will be promptly notified upon a selection decision. Unsuccessful offerors for task orders greater than $5.5M will be given the opportunity for a debriefing in accordance with EP 715-1-7, para 3-12. Debriefings are not required for any task order award estimated to be below $5.5M, however they will be provided upon request.

8. Update. EP 715-1-7 and the USACE Acquisition Instruction (UAI) will be updated to reflect these procedures.

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