



## Rock County Stakeholder Advisory Committee Thursday; June 5, 2014; 4 – 5:30 p.m. Beloit Utilities and Engineering Facilities

### Meeting Summary

#### Attendees:

Gregory Boysen, Public Works Director, City of Beloit  
Wayne Chase, WisDOT Supervisor, I-39/90 (*teleconference*)  
Vincent Fisher, WisDOT, RCSC Facilitator  
Alicia Griffin, Serendipity Communications, I-39/90 DBE Outreach Coordinator  
Lynn Jones, E&T Community Action, Inc.  
Lonna Morouny, Office of Representative Amy Loudenberg  
Brian Wilson, Town of Beloit

**Topic:** Welcome / Agenda Review / Introductions

**Presenter:** Vincent Fisher, RCSC Facilitator

#### **Discussion:**

- Vincent asked attendees to review the minutes of the April 3, 2014 Rock County Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting. No revisions to the minutes were made.
- Attendees introduced themselves.

**Topic:** WisDOT I-39/90 Project Update

**Presenter:** Wayne Chase; WisDOT I-39/90 Supervisor

#### **Discussion:**

- The Hwy G project has a changed let date. It will now be Spring 2015.
- Planning to do 100% state funds for let to June 15. Federal funds won't kick in until then for the project.
- Three projects:
  - This spring, Hwy 73, north of Rock County
  - Working on I-39/90 bridges in Dane County.
  - Pavement rehab project middle of Janesville heading north to Edgerton
- 2015 will be a lot busier season. There will be quite a number of projects going on



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**Topic:** Workforce Opportunities Session Overview

**Presenter:** Vincent Fisher; Committee Facilitator

**Discussion:**

## **Vincent Fisher Discussion:**

- There was a pre-construction conference at the Edgerton Southwest Regional office. WisDOT brought together the prime contractors and the major sub-primes
- The major primes that were present gave previous TrANS graduates the opportunity to network with them.
- The DBE Office hosted a networking session between the primes and TrANS graduates.
- Michele Carter was available Monday and Vincent Fisher facilitated the meeting on Tuesday.
- Introduction to the TrANS program was given by Sue Jersild, Rock Road; Nicole Hunt, First Choice and Lynn Jones, Community Action.
- There was a table of 15 primes on one side with the TrANS graduates on the other side forming a Classic Reception Line.
- Each company talked about their company, their needs and requirements.
- This process served as a gigantic interview between the Primes and the TrANS graduates.
- Each of the TrANS graduates had an opportunity to tell the primes about themselves.
- Before the meeting/networking session began, Primes were informed of the DBE Program Office's expectations and the TrANS graduates were coached so they were able to talk with the contractors in the networking/interview style of a meeting.
- Because there were no jobs at the time, it made it more of a networking session between the TrANS graduates and the primes.
- On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day, one contractor brought applications for the TrANS graduates.
- The DBE Office's goal is to give access. People aren't told they are giving jobs to people seeking work in highway construction. We are taking resources and putting them in the same room in the hopes that they find each other. It is an opportunity to give TrANS graduates access to construction opportunities. It's also an opportunity to give Primes access to what are good, long term employees.

## **Lynn Jones discussion:**

- Lynn Jones brought about 11 participants to the event.
- There were a total of about five (5) TrANS graduates
- There was a very different environment between Day 1 and Day 2. There were 6 subcontractors present on the first day. They were very vocal that TrANS graduates needed to be in a union.
- Day 2 was quite valuable. There was a larger group of the subcontractors that stuck around. They spoke about the industry and the job skills that they were looking for. Participants learned how to address contractors as they moved forward.

**Topic:** TrANS Program Update

**Presenter:** Vincent Fisher; Committee Facilitator

**Discussion:**

- A newsletter is being produced by the I-39/90 Corridor Management Team and the Public Involvement Team.
- Vincent Fisher provided an article about the TrANS Program that will be included in the upcoming newsletter.
- Vincent gave attendees time to read and review the article.



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- Forward Service is talking about initially having 25 candidates for the TrANS program. These initial candidates would already have had 75% to 80% of training.
- Full TrANS training would be for 6-weeks and include 160 hours
- The initial task is trying to identify 25 individuals with some experience.
- The second task is Identifying another 25 individuals with an interest; but, no experience
- Brought 11 individuals to pre-construction meeting.

### Next Meeting

Event: **Rock County Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting**

Date: August 7, 2014

Time: 4 – 5:30 p.m.

Location: **Beloit Utilities and Facilities**