Project: Verona Road Interchange, I.D. 1206-07-05/06/09
Strand Job No.: 1089.320
Meeting Location: Strand Associates, Inc., 910 West Wingra Drive, Madison, Wisconsin
Meeting Purpose: Dane County Stakeholder Meeting No. 12

Present:
See attached Sign-In Sheet

In attendance by phone/Internet live meeting:
Norman Davis
Alicia Griffin
Marge Wood
Monica Littlegeorge

Meeting Handouts (provided via e-mail before the meeting)
- Meeting notes and presentations from October 3, 2012 meeting
- Meeting Agenda

Discussion:

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

The group was welcomed by Rochelle and brief introductions were given.

a. Joe Bunker provided project summaries for the I-39 and Verona Road projects. Joe noted that a public information meeting is scheduled for the Verona Road project for Tuesday, November 13, 2012, at Cherokee Middle School from 6 to 8 P.M. The meeting will focus on design alternatives for the portion of the project from CTH PD to Raymond Road.

b. Joe provided a summary of the work that will be let in May 2013 with construction anticipated in July 2013. Chris G. asked if the work let in May 2013 is all one contract. Joe stated that it is one contract. Joe stated this letting will be followed by an additional letting in July of 2014 that will include the Verona Road interchange at the Beltline.

c. Rochelle asked Joe what the required DBE percentage will be for the two project lettings? Joe stated he was unsure of the DBE percentages for the projects.

d. Michele asked Joe the amount of federal funding for the first project let in 2013. Joe noted the project is 100 percent state-funded. Michele noted that if the project does not include federal funding, DBE goals cannot be set for the project. Therefore, there will not be a DBE goal for the project that will be let in May.

e. Rochelle asked whether the project will be unbundled to allow for smaller contractors and DBE contractors to participate in smaller lettings? Joe stated there has not been a discussion to unbundle the projects to date because the work for the Verona Road project has significant interdependency because it is constructed in a relatively small area. Rochelle and Michele agreed to discuss this issue with the Region.

Action:

Michele and Rochelle will discuss unbundling the projects with the Region.
Discussion:

f. Chris G. asked how small businesses are supposed to find out about these projects? Michele noted that these meetings over the past 12 months were supposed to be used by attendees to share with local businesses. She noted that mandatory prebid meetings are another way to hear about the projects and interact with the prime contractors. She also noted the annual DBE meeting will focus on these large projects in the Madison and Janesville areas.

g. Clay noted that small business groups have been invited to these meetings and it has been their choice to attend or not attend.

h. Marge asked whether the Verona Road project is considered a Mega Project? Michele responded that Verona Road is not considered a Mega Project, but it is considered a high profile project and receives special attention.

i. Marge asked what is required to be considered a Mega Project, is it the dollar amount? Michele stated yes, it is a dollar amount of $500,000.

j. Marge asked whether being a high profile project rather than a Mega Project is worth it for DBEs to keep the Verona Road project on their radar? Michele stated it is important for DBEs to be involved with the project by working through the potential prime contractors for the project.

k. Keyvn asked whether there will be goals set for women/people of color included with state funding for the Verona Road project? Michele noted state-funded projects cannot have DBE goals (set for women or people of color), but WisDOT will be giving attention to the DBE usage of the prime contractors, although DBE goals are not enforceable for state-funded projects.

l. Tim requested an update by Joe on the I-39 project. Joe stated that although he is not directly involved with the I-39 project, he will do his best to provide an update. Joe said the project extends from Madison to the state line. Six lanes will be provided, potentially eight lanes through Janesville. Joe noted that construction will begin in 2013 on the Racine Street (Hwy 11 to Delavan) interchange. He also thought construction would be taking place on the alternate route of Hwy 73 in 2014. Joe thought the project would be constructed during the timeline of 2013 to 2020.

m. Marge asked whether I-39 is a Mega Project? Joe stated it is considered a Mega Project.

2. Michele provided a summary of the next steps for this Dane County Group.

a. Next steps include dividing into two subgroups, labor and business. She noted this group needs to figure out how to conduct the future meetings. She suggested the group review and prioritize action steps from past meetings. She noted the timeliness of the future meetings because the projects are both beginning to place work out for bidding to contractors.

b. Within the committees of labor and business, the two groups need to prepare ideas to take to WisDOT leadership for achieving their interests and potentially including their interests within the projects.
Discussion:

c. The two groups have a three-month timeframe to talk about what provisions to consider placing within the projects to address their interests. WisDOT will then review the potential to include the provisions. This is the process that was used for the projects in the Southeast and Northeast Regions.

Questions about next steps:

a. Keyvn asked whether it would be possible to see the special provisions from Southeast and Northeast Region projects for ideas of what could be included? Michele said she will provide the best practices from the other Regions at the next meeting.

b. Clay asked what is being asked of this group, was this same thing done for the Marquette project in the Southeast Region? Michele said the Southeast Region group was asked to provide similar ideas and she can also share their ideas with this group.

c. Chris G asked who was on the business committee for the other stakeholder groups in the Northeast and Southeast Regions? Michele noted there were minority contractors, DBEs, WTBA, Tech College, and so on. The goal of the business group was to understand how WisDOT projects work. There was also peer exchanges and networking.

d. Joe asked why this information needs to be repeated within a smaller group since this group has been discussing how WisDOT projects work. Michele noted the two groups get into greater details of the WisDOT process.

3. Chris Gruenberg of MATC provided a presentation on the Business Procurement Assistance Center

See the attached PowerPoint presentation provided by Chris.

4. Norman Davis of the City of Madison provided a presentation on Targeted Business Enterprise Programs

See attached PowerPoint presentation.


See attached PowerPoint presentation.

6. Announcements

a. Michele stated that the presentations made this evening conclude the business presentations for this group.

b. Rochelle provided a handout for the Save the Date announcement of two big events hosted by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program, which are the Annual Tribal Transportation Conference on December 11 and 12, 2012, at the Lake of the Torches Resort Casino in Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin; and the 27th Annual DBE Workshop and Secretarys Golden
Discussion:

Shovel Awards scheduled for Friday, December 14, 2012, at the Country Springs Hotel and Conference Center, just off Interstate 94 in Pewaukee, Wisconsin.

c. Kevyn asked whether there has been any progress on the TrANS program selection. Michele asked Rochelle to follow up with Kevyn.

Action:

Rochelle will follow up with Kevyn regarding the TrANS program.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 P.M.

If there are any additions or comments on these minutes, please call (608) 251-4843 or e-mail Joe.

Prepared by Joe Bunker and Wyolanda Singleton and respectfully submitted to participants and invitees.

c: All Participants and Invitees
Dane County Stakeholder Committee
Focus: Verona Rd & I-39/90 Projects

November 7, 2012
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

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Next Meeting
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