



**SCDOT/CAGC Joint Committee Meeting**  
**May 23, 2012**  
**Minutes**

**Attendees**

See attached list

The meeting was called to order by Leland Colvin with introductions.

**Old Business**

**Davis Bacon Wage Regulations-Update**

Task force met in early May to discuss the prevailing wage rates submitted by the contractors and concluded that the wages were not where they needed to be. NCDOT has already begun the process and SCDOT can use some of their information to move forward with modifying the number of regions to 1 or 2 and to establish a reasonable prevailing wage rates. The Classifications will also be addressed. The AGC has provided SCDOT with the wage rate information collected from members that included low rate, low average, and average for the new DOL classifications. Based on the data collected and discussion, the AGC has requested SCDOT to appeal the new DOL wage rate tables based on insufficient wage information collected by DOL. Also, the AGC would like for the regions and classification be reviewed in conjunction with the appeal process as previously mentioned.

**DBE Submittals @ Letting - Update**

Meeting was held at SCDOT with representation from the construction office, DBE compliance office and the CAGC. Discussion revolved around the DBE submittal process at the time of the letting and particularly the item by item entry that has to be put into bid express. If a revised quote is received by a contractor just before the cut off time for bid submittals, there is not enough time to go through the bid and change all the line items. SCDOT has agreed to review this process and streamline the bid submission process to listing the contractor, area of work and a dollar amount. Then submit a detailed breakdown at some time after the letting on a spreadsheet to be developed by SCDOT. SCDOT will try a "dummy" letting to work out all the details and see if there are any problems with this method.

### **Payment Special Provision**

SCDOT has incorporated a special provision into projects that are over \$10 million which limits the payouts to a contractor based on their schedule submission and the cumulative projected payout. If a contractor or its subcontractors accelerate and performs more work to date than the cumulative projected payout, DOT will only pay the cumulative total and the prime contractor will have to pay their subs within seven days. This has only been implemented on two projects so far. The basis for the provision is for DOT to be able to manage its cash flow. If situations occur and work is accelerated for some reason, contractors should contact DOT and discuss the option of re-baselining to give DOT the ability to forecast payout projections and plan for future lettings.

### **Contractor Status**

The Contractors would like to see a Monthly Status Report at each meeting.

**Discussion:** Leland Colvin handed out a few graphics which are part of the report provided to SCDOT senior staff every month. Current report showed 232 active projects with 173 (74.6%) on time, 18(7.8%) projects between 10 and 25 percent behind and 41 (17.6%) projects greater than 25% behind.

**Action:** Leland will provide updated handouts at every meeting.

It was also discussed that schedule submissions have not been timely and information for projecting payouts has been inaccurate. March projections showed \$75.5 mil and actual was \$38.7 mil. April projections showed \$83.1 mil and actual was \$52.6 mil. May projections show \$101 mil and it does not appear that payments will come close to this amount. A task force will be set up to discuss which will include the district schedulers and CAGC representation.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Safety Topic**

Wendy Henke discussed the use of class III safety attire for use at night. Also she discussed the night time traffic control setup using portable lighting with the required illumination of the work zone. Ride through of the work zone should be conducted to make sure areas are illuminated properly and the traffic control is setup properly.

#### **Heavy Highway Meeting June 21-24**

Members of SCDOT will be attending the meeting in Hilton Head and giving presentations on special topics.

## **State Fiscal Year Closeout**

In previous years, SCDOT has had an extra month to process and closeout payments for the fiscal year. This year the cut-off date will be July 9<sup>th</sup> and all estimates have to be uploaded to share point prior to this date. Contractor concurrence is critical prior to this date.

## **Subcommittee Reports:**

**Roadway Subcommittee:** Cold weather paving and seasonal restrictions was discussed and passed on to the HMA QIC , Clarification on the holiday lane closure specification, projects with minimum CPS score and have a 60 day advertisement on these projects.

**Bridge Subcommittee:** Did not meet

**Project Development :** Did not meet

**Utility Subcommittee:** Did not meet

**Supplier Subcommittee:** Update on the mechanical couplers and update on reinforcing hoops sizes and tolerances.

**Design-Build Subcommittee:** Meeting is scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Next Meeting July 25, 2012**

**Adjourn**





