EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome the the Summer 2020 Edition of BECO's LPA/SR Newsletter.

We hope you enjoy the articles and information contained within.

If you would like to contribute to the quarterly newsletter with suggestions of any kind, including fun stuff like puzzle suggestions, or ideas for "Where is this in Arizona", please reach out to me directly at mpeterson2@azdot.gov.

Your contributions are welcome and greatly appreciated, and we will be sure to mention the source.

Hoping the rest of your summer is filled with joy.

Melanie Peterson

NEW "WELCOME TO ARIZONA" HIGHWAY SIGNS

In December 2019, Governor Doug Ducey joined Arizona Office of Tourism Director Debbie Johnson and Arizona Department of Transportation Director John Halikowski to unveil six new highway signs that will welcome travelers as they enter the state. The new designs replace the state's aging welcome signs, which have been in use for nearly 30 years, beginning in early 2020.

"These new highway signs display the many attractions and landscapes awaiting Arizona's visitors," said Arizona Office of Tourism Director Debbie Johnson. "From the Grand Canyon to Saguaro National Park, the beauty of Arizona's landscapes is unrivaled. These new signs will help our state welcome visitors with open arms and showcase all that we have to offer."

Source: azgovernor.gov

New ADOT Offices, Flagstaff Arizona

ON-THE-JOB TRAINING (OJT)

In February 2020, ADOT implemented a new Project Based On-the-Job Training (OJT) Program and Specification for all ADOT FHWA funded construction projects. ADOT worked with members of the highway construction industry to develop an OJT Training program that would:

- Address the needs of the industry, a shortage of skilled workforce and
- Ensure compliance with 23 CFR part 230

Prior to project advertisement BECO assesses each FHWA funded construction project for OJT opportunities and establishes an OJT goal contractors must meet on the project.

The new OJT Program focuses on trainee's progression. If a trainee exceeds the minimum expected hours on a project and transfers to a new project with an OJT goal, the contractor may elect to carry over the excess hours to count towards the new project's OJT goal. This helps increase a trainee's portability from project to project to further their training towards journeyman level status.

In an effort to further process improve the new OJT Program and to support the intent of promoting progression of trainees to journeyman level status ADOT rebranded the contract management system previously known as ADOT DBE System to DBE and OJT Online Reporting System (DOORS) to include an OJT Module which helps with reporting and monitoring for OJT participation on projects.

New ADOT Office in Flagstaff, AZ

ADOT opened it's new office building in December of 2019. It is a state-of-the-art facility in the former Harkins Theatres building at 1959 S. Woodlands Village Blvd in Flagstaff, AZ.

"We are thrilled to have a new home for MVD in Flagstaff," said MVD Director Eric Jorgensen. "The new office is a welcome improvement and will help MVD to offer the highest level of customer service for many years."

NOTE: This program will be rolled out to the Certified Agencies in 2021.

PAYMENT REPORTING

Is your Agency monitoring for timely Payment Reporting?

Having accurate and up-to-date information in the LPA DBE System is imperative in order for ADOT to collect the data necessary for all reports required by the US DOT.

Excerpt from LPA EPRISE:

"The contractor shall report on a monthly basis indicating the amounts paid to all subcontractors, of all tiers, working on the project. Reporting shall be in accordance with Prompt Pay and Payment Reporting requirements section of the contract specifications."

Excerpt from LPA Prompt Pay and Payment Reporting Provisons:

"The contractor shall report on a monthly basis indicating the amounts actually paid and the dates of each payment under any Reportable Contract on the project. The contractor shall provide information for payments made on all Reportable Contracts during the previous month by the last day of the current month. In the event that no payments were made during a given month, the contractor shall identify that by entering a dollar value of zero. If the contractor does not pay the full amount of any invoice from a subcontractor, the contractor shall note that and provide the reasons in the comment section of the Monthly Payment Audit of the LPA DBE System."

Ensuring that all contractors comply with the above requirements will make it easier for your agency to always have the current information ready.

The deadlines for the Semi-Annual report are March 31st, and October 31st each every year.

NEW NAME, SAME(ISH) SYSTEM

The DBE System for ADOT contracts has been renamed to "DOORS", which is the "DBE & OJT Online Reporting System". This change came on the heels of ADOT implementing the new project-based On-the-Job-Training for ADOT contracts.

Please note that this change does not currently impact the LPA DBE System used by all Local Public Agencies and Subrecipients. A change to this system will come along with the implementaion of the OJT Program for the Certified Agencies. in 2021.

DOORS
DBE & OJT Online Reporting System

DBE GOAL SETTING APPLICATION

ADOT BECO's DBE Goal Setting Applicaton has received a few updates that do not impact your DBE Goal assessment request process.

The changes can be seen in the DBE Goal Assessment email that is sent out to you with the assessed DBE Goal and expiration date.

Also noteworthy is that the improved Application now automatically sends out reminders of assessed DBE Goals that are expiring.
This can cause confusion (or even panic) if that project has already gone out for soliciation. If that is the case, please just disregard that automated notice.

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

A big thank you to **Janece Ray** with the City of Chandler for suggesting we cover this topic.

INTRODUCING BECO

Jolene De La Ossa, BECO Field Compliance & Training Technician - Southern Region

Jolene began her career with ADOT as an Engineering Aid One in Show Low, Arizona in 1979, and has been with ADOT a total of thirty-nine years!
She first worked in Construction for approximately fifteen years, performing Field Inspections in the Field Laboratory and as an Office Technician. In 1980, she transferred to Flagstaff and then moved to Tucson in 1983, where she worked in Materials Testing for ADOT Construction in the Tucson District Laboratory. Jolene then moved into the field, working as a Martials Coordinator, and even tried her hand as an Office Manager for a while. For the last three years with ADOT before retiring in 2011 (for the first time), she worked as a Utility & Railroad Coordinator. In those thirty-two years of moving around, she also managed to get married and raise a family.
In 2013 Jolene returned to ADOT with a newly formed section called BECO and has, as she says "enjoyed working with this great group of people that I consider my ADOT Family". She also proudly adds being a grandmother to her resume, and we congratulate her on her second grandbaby which is now on it's way!
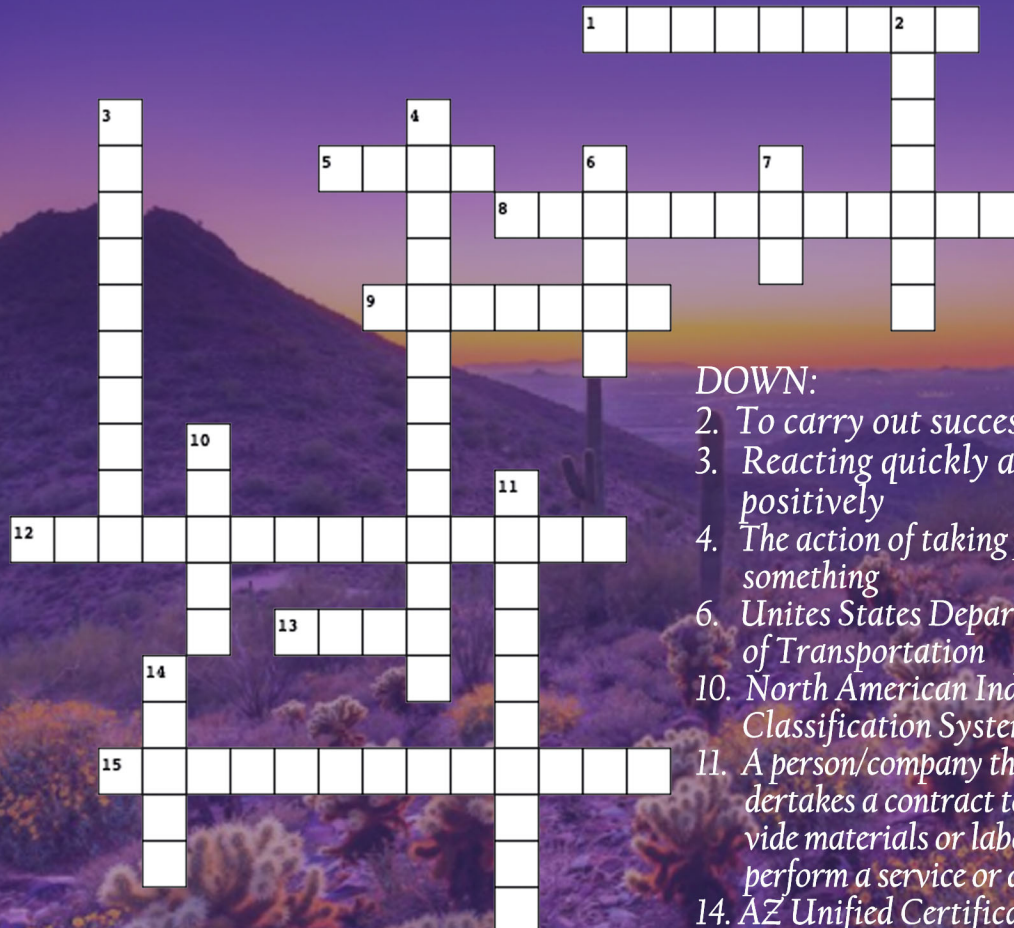
WHERE IS THIS IN ARIZONA?

It is hard to miss this house with its bright colors, making it stick out like a sore thumb. But even so, most people outside the local area don't know it exists.

The cheery looking Victorian-era bungalow home is a vibrant part of the local art scene, serving as an art gallery, studio, and venue for local artists.

It's a cutting-edge gallery, a "legendary hot-bed for emergent creatives," offering out of the ordinary performances that would probably not be seen anywhere else.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS:
1. The action of presenting a proposal/ application/ or other document for consideration
5. The end toward which effort is directed
7. An attempt or effort to win a contract
8. Not sufficient; lacking in what is necessary or required
9. A person who establishes and maintains communication for mutual understanding and cooperation
12. A statement of legal particulars (as of charges or of contract terms)
13. Business Engagement and Compliance Office
15. An individual or business contracting to perform part or all of another's contract

DOWN:
2. To carry out successfully
3. Reacting quickly and positively
4. The action of taking part in something
6. Unites States Department of Transportation
10. North American Industry Classification System
11. A person/company that undertakes a contract to provide materials or labor to perform a service or do a job
14. AZ Unified Certification Program

PATAGONIA, AZ WINE REGION

We all have those weekends where we have no idea what we're doing. We're too restless to stay home, and travelling just isn't in the cards right now.

Luckily, there's a place nearby where you can roam around in a picturesque countryside and not break the bank. We're talking about a wine weekend.

An hour southeast of Tucson, the communities of Elgin and Sonoita sit at more than 4,000 feet above sea level. Rolling hills covered in golden grasses slowly transition into towering mountains. Roaming cattle dot the hills. This area of high desert – with unreliable rainfall, tough soil, and scorching summer temperatures – may at first glance seem ill-fit to provide a suitable environment for any type of crop.

But, this is wine country. Elgin and Sonoita, which have a combined population of 979 according to the 2010 U.S. Census, are home to 17 wineries!

RESOURCES

Page 1 - Contribute to the quarterly LPA Newsletter:
Email mpeterson2@azdot.gov

Page 1 - New "Welcome to Arizona" Highway Signs:
azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2019/12

Page 2 - ADOT's New OJT Program:
azdot.gov/business/business-engagement-and-compliance/job-training-contract-compliance

Page 3 - LPA Prompt Pay & Payment Reporting Provisions:
azdot.gov/sites/default/files/2019/06/lpa-prompt-pay-and-payment-reporting-provisions.pdf

Page 6 - www.sonoitaelginchamber.org/winetasting.html

LPA Website:
azdot.gov/business/business-engagement-and-compliance/lpa-subrecipients

RIDDLE SOLUTIONS

Where is this in Arizona?
Alwun House on Roosevelt Street in Phoenix, AZ

Across:
1. Submittal
5. Goal
9. Liaison
12. Specifications
13. BECO
15. Subcontractor

Down:
2. Achieve
3. Responsive
4. Participation
6. USDOT
7. Bid
8. Insufficient
10. NAICS
11. Contractor
14. AZUCP