



Q1 2022 ADOT DBE Joint Task

Date & Time: March 29, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Location: Zoom Meeting

Attendees: See number of participants at bottom

NOTES

Outline of the conversation:

1. Call to order – Rebekah called meeting to order
2. Update from **SEO** – Matt Moul reported the update
 - a. Greg Byres is the new State Engineer
 - b. Paul Patane is the new MPD Director
 - c. ADOT is changed District Engineer position to District Administrator
 - i. Anthony Brozich – Northwest District Administrator
 - ii. Brenden Foley – Northcentral District Administrator
3. Update from **ECS** – Greg Wristen reported the update
 - a. Greg went through the ESC website to see what project are upcoming
 - i. Current projects <https://azdot.gov/business/engineering-consultants/advertisements/current-advertisements-engineering-consultants>
 1. Jackrabbit Trail TI Upgrade
 - ii. Upcoming projects <https://azdot.gov/business/engineering-consultants/upcoming-advertisements>
 1. I-19, Irvington TI
 2. US180, Five Mile Wash Bridge & Little Colorado Bridge
 3. North South Corridor tier 2 DCR and NEPA
 4. Temp Tech for Construction Admin Services
 5. I-40, CA State Line to Flagstaff, ITS
 6. SR30 (Tres Rios)
 - iii. Upcoming Project for On-Call Utilizing QBS <https://azdot.gov/business/engineering-consultants/advertisements/call-statements-interest>
 1. For the selected Primes only
4. Update from **CNS Compliance** – Cedric Johnson reported the update
 - a. Prequal period – 61 Primes have submitted; 53 have been approved
5. Main Panel Discussion – **Getting to Know New ADOT Leadership**
 - a. Intro to Panelists:
 - i. Paul Patane – MPD Director

- ii. Tina Samartinean – Administrator Employee and Business Development
 - iii. Francesca Martin – DBE Supportive Services Program Manager
 - b. What are the **current strategies of ADOT & DBE Supportive Services** to increase utilization of certified DBE firms?
 - i. ADOT reviewed programs and policies available to DBE firms.
 - c. **Constraints of ADOT** – some of the issues DBE’s mentioned in the Focus Groups are not within ADOT’s influence or ability to control. Help us understand some of the things ADOT cannot do.
 - i. **ADOT** reviewed the process for setting DBE goals on projects and why they do not dictate **how** goals are met by private firms.
 - ii. **Patane and Samartinean** discussed the difference between training individuals working on behalf of ADOT on projects and how it would not be appropriate for ADOT to certify individual employees of a private firm.
 - d. What does ADOT see as the impact of the **Federal Transportation Fund** increase? How will that trickle down to DBE firms?
 - i. ADOT discussed that eventually funds will flow to projects, but it is still too early to see specific project impacts of this increased level of funding.
 - e. What **tools and resources** exist to help certified DBE firms?
 - i. <https://azdot.gov/dbe-supportive-services-program>
 - f. What to do if a DBE firm believes they are being **treated unfairly**?
 - i. ADOT reviewed the complaint process and discussed why it had to be a formal process. ADOT encourages reporting and reiterated that complaints are kept confidential.
6. Task Force Adjourned by Rebekah at 10:27am

Participants

Attendees: 24

Panelists: 9

Link to video recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U-5kP3pqxA>

Attachments:

- Registered Attendee & Actual Attendance Report
- Chat Report
- Q&A Report