

San Diego Regional Public Works Construction Procurement Committee Charter

Project Name: **Regional Construction Procurement**

Chairman: **Vic Bienes, County Water Authority, Chairman**

Committee Members:

The committee is composed of members of several public agencies throughout San Diego County. Agencies participating are as follows: San Diego County Water Authority, San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), San Diego Unified Port District, City of San Diego, County of San Diego, San Diego Unified School District, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest, San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, State of California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS), Sweetwater Union High School District, and Centre City Development Corporation (CCDC).

1. Project Need/Background

San Diego County public agencies are currently experiencing a situation where they are routinely receiving very few bids for public works projects. Bids are frequently exceeding engineer estimates. In many cases, bids are coming in significantly higher than engineer estimates. There are several reasons given contributing to this situation. Among them are: Rising costs for materials and fuel; shortage of general contractors and subcontractors and specialty labor; the current large volume of public and private construction work in the San Diego region; bonding and insurance requirements; and contractors' perceptions of too much risk.

2. Project Statement

To form a regional construction procurement committee to coordinate the bidding of major infrastructure projects within the region, discuss market issues and material shortages, and share ideas for improving public agency construction procurement processes. The attached Plan of Actions & Milestones (POA&M) is a detailed Gantt chart of the schedule and timeline for the project.

3. Project Objectives

- a. Coordinate project-bidding information among all participating agencies.
- b. Periodically invite construction industry representatives to participate in meetings and provide input.
- c. Educate policy makers as to the reasons for the current unfavorable bidding climate.
- d. Explore legislative actions to permit agencies to use alternative project delivery methods.
- e. Explore feasibility of standardizing contract administration procedures among public agencies.
- f. Evaluate use of contractor pre-qualification procedures.
- g. Explore ways to attract more bidders on public works projects making San Diego a region of choice for contractors.
- h. Research best management practices for cost estimating.
- i. Monitor localized material shortages, especially aggregate, cement and copper.
- j. Monitor local material prices, especially concrete, steel, oil, and lumber.
- k. Monitor local labor costs as well as bonding and insurance costs.

4. Project Measures

The project objectives will be realized when the Regional Construction Procurement Committee and its subcommittees have completed work on the action plans for the above objectives.

5. Assumptions and Constraints

- a. The current unfavorable bidding climate will continue for the next two to three years.
- b. Material, aggregate, copper, fuel, and labor prices will continue to rise.
- c. The influx of new public works projects financed through state and local bond measures will exacerbate the current situation of a growing construction work demand.
- d. The current residential construction market will begin to moderate during the next couple of years.

6. Project Milestones/Deliverables

- a. Sub-committees will complete assignments by milestone dates as agreed upon by the committee.
- b. Committee work and recommendations to public agency boards and councils to be completed by December 2010.
- c. The committee will annually review the Charter for any updates and will vote on the continuance of a regional committee.

7. Other Stakeholders

- a. Construction contractors and engineering/architectural consultants
- b. Trade associations
- c. Labor organizations
- d. San Diego County Cities
- e. California State Agencies
- f. Federal Agencies
- g. Public Agency Consortium

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See Attached.

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