

Partnering Community of Practice (PCoP)

Meeting Notes

Google Meet Virtual Meeting

October 18, 2021 - 9:00 - 10:00 AM Arizona Time

MEETING PURPOSE:

- PCoP updates on approval of a WASHTO Partnering sub-committee.

FACILITATOR: Nichole Jenks, ADOT Partnering Facilitator, PCoP Co-Chair

- **Introduction of new member Mrudang Shah, Caltrans Partnering Program Manager:**

Mrudang (the “R” is silent) Shah is a registered Civil Engineer in the State of CA with 9+ years of experience in the transportation Industry. Before joining Division of Construction (HQ), Mrudang worked with the North Region in Project Delivery and Construction as a Project and Resident Engineer in Sacramento, California. Before coming to Caltrans, Mrudang worked with Skanska USA civil (heavy civil contractor) as a Project Engineer/ Project Controls engineer in Los Angeles, California. Mrudang holds a BS in Civil Engineering & BA in Economics at CSU Sacramento as well as a MS in Construction Engineering & management from University of Southern California, Los Angeles. Mrudang is a member of the International Partnering Institute (IPI) and Envision, a sustainability organization. Welcome to the Partnering Community of Practice and we look forward to your valuable contributions.

- **Updates from the PCoP members:**

- Tonia Andree, Nevada DOT-Continue to revamp NDOT Partnering Program. We recently went through an overhaul of our program but we are still missing something.
- Michael Carter, Arizona DOT-Partnering Data Research project is currently in procurement.
- Rebecca Dick, Arizona DOT-New Partnering Facilitator with ADOT. Welcome Rebecca!
- Jon Keeth, Washington DOT-WADOT award application deadline is today. WADOT has vaccination mandates. WADOT Partnering Steering Committee has asked for metrics to measure the effectiveness of partnering programs/meetings. We have a pretty good prequal process that's tied to prime contractor performance reports.
- Jace Mecham, Utah DOT- Currently rebranding their Partnering Program.
- Duane Milligan, Texas DOT-Partnering award program “We Build Texas” award.
- Jake Goettle, Montana DOT- Partnering within the construction division ongoing for 3 years with training required for MDOT and contractors. MDOT currently has a Partnering Program Manager position available if you know of anyone wanting to relocate to beautiful Montana.
- Jerry Valdez, New Mexico DOT- NMDOT has been working on establishing a Partnering Contractor program for the past year. The NMDOT has worked with the AGC to gain contractor buy-in to the program. This would add Partnering as a prequalification when bidding on projects. We are implementing a contractor pre-qualification that looks at claims, etc. *

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*Most states use the low-bid approach to awarding construction projects with no pre-qualifications identified (except alternative delivery projects).

- **Next step as a WASHTO Construction Materials sub-committee:**
 - What can we contribute to improving the Partnering resources for [WASHTO](#) states?
- **Community of Practice ACTION ITEMS:**
 - Research and gather metrics used to measure the effectiveness of partnering.
 - Reach out to other divisions within your agency who collect data on construction projects (Finance, Field Reports, Risk, etc.).
 - Suggested items to research include:
 - ➔ Quantitative vs. Qualitative data
 - ➔ Projects that finish on or ahead of schedule
 - ➔ Projects that are within or under budget
 - ➔ Number of escalations above the field level (RE, DE, SEO)
 - ➔ Project team survey/close out reporting
 - ➔ Other cost savings related to projects attributable to partnering
 - ➔ Formal Partnering vs. informal/No partnering project success
 - ➔ Safety incidents on partnered projects vs. non-partnered projects
 - ➔ Customer satisfaction of final product (owner, contractor and public)
 - **Jerry V.-** Check with Tisha C. as to how the Construction & Materials Subcommittee would like us to communicate with them.
 - **Mrudang S. -** Working on quantifying “man hours saved” (RE/PM cost savings) linked to partnering efforts.
 - **Nichole J. -** will research Michigan State studies related to partnering and share any findings at the January 2022 meeting.
- Provide your findings in an email and I will put them together in a report to share, review and compare at the January meeting.
- Please let me know if you have any questions.

OPEN DISCUSSION: None

NEXT MEETING: Late January 2022 (Nichole will send a scheduling poll)

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