

**Meeting Notes for the DoD Liaison Meeting
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Contracting Outlook

- Work is up, contracts are up
- This will be a 5-10 year trend
- Mapping work will be imbedded in construction/design projects for both civilian and military programs
- Anticipate mapping projects will be subcontracted from the Prime Construction and/or Architectural/Engineering firms
- Upwards of \$ 50 billion will be spent on military construction over next three years to support Army Transformation
- St. Louis USACE will advertise a small business mapping and surveying IDC in the next few weeks
- See USACE web site for link to civil works budget organized by project and state. The appropriations codes indicate the type of work to be performed for a project. A code of MR&T usually requires mapping and surveying.
- USACE continues to fund projects in Katrina disaster area as well as Everglades

Building Information Models

- Military construction is moving into “building information models”- 3-D CADD of Buildings which includes a “GIS of CADD” databases. This includes more than just mapping but also GIS type data. Expectation is that consultants will deliver CADD data linked to databases. Example- High definition laser scans (point clouds) coupled with attribution (“intelligence”)
- Geospatial Conference in Denver will have briefings on building information models and IFC standards

Other Discussion Items

- Revisited discussion of City of New Orleans benchmark problems and corrective measures
- MAPPS members raised the issue of increasing current IDC contract ceilings in (in lieu of new contracts) to allow MAPPS member firms to support the Katrina relief efforts. Concern that contract vehicles are hitting maximum ceilings.
- Group discussion of USACE awarded Design/Build contracts for second and third tier subcontractors including mapping firms- low bid awards versus quals based selection. Unfortunately USACE cannot be the policeman. John Palatiello discussed his involvement with other organizations like MAPPS to actively educate and police subcontracting practices.
- Discussion of the Service Acquisition Reform Act (SARA)- Act would provide for negotiations with US Government in-house domain experts versus contracting agents that lack domain expertise. MAPPS is working with other organizations to establish a Task force and develop White Paper in support of SARA.

Question & Answer Session

Levee Inventory Database

- 06 and 07 budget includes \$\$ fro Levy inventory and risk assessment
- There is a geospatial component
- USACE has conducted a fast levee inventory of District offices. 1st phase will be completed in June 06
- Pilot project will be developed including development of a levee data model followed by larger initiative. Could be contracted through GSA.
- Coordination and funding with State officials (Levee Safety and Dam Safety officers)
- Dam Safety Act- proposed legislation
- ERDAC-cold regions lab involved
- Levee certification is likely to follow

USACE St. Louis Small Business Contracting Issues

- General discussion of what happened and lessons learned associated with aborted 2005 SB set aside for mapping & surveying
- Misunderstanding and systemic problems
- New 2006 SB set aside will be advertised in a few weeks. Believe that the contract ceiling will be \$100/year, 1 base year with 4 option years, 1 contract will be awarded
- Significant group discussion about insufficient contract ceiling to support average task orders that MAPPS members receive from USACE.
- USACE HQ staff will investigate and express concerns over limited contract ceiling with St. Louis.

NAVFEC

- Discussion/concern over the use of the GSA schedules (i.e. Schedule 70-IT) to procure geospatial services for Pacific Rim project.
- Overall discussion about the use of GSA schedules being utilized in lieu of Brooks Act selection process
- USACE HQ staff will take concerns to NAVFEC counterparts and attempt to provide response.

USACE New York IDC for Mapping and Surveying

- General concern over the award/evaluation status of mapping and surveying IDC that was advertised in the fall of 2005. No down select or award has been made.
- USACE HQ staff will contact New York and report status.

USACE Huntington

- Concern about a lack of response or clarity regarding a question asked by a MAPPS member regarding recent solicitation
- USACE HQ will contact Huntington District to investigate and report back.