Northern Indiana Roundtable Agenda Nov. 14, 2019

Time: 11:15- 2:15 p.m.

Location: BoatHouse Restaurant, 700 Park Ave. Winona Lake, IN 46590

Agenda:

• **INDOT**- Rick Olson and Michael Rowe
  o **INDOT’s 360 Strategic Plan** implementation
    ▪ Common themes among District discussions: trust, communication, training up younger staff/ professionals.
    ▪ Goal is to build relationships where all three parties are partners.
    ▪ Message from Central Office is not all Districts are alike. Consultants are encouraged to ask questions to pertinent Districts.
    ▪ More recommendations for implementation to follow.
    ▪ ACEC will reiterate to participants on the District panels to share meeting information with ACEC staff to disseminate to full membership.
  o Challenges of on-call contracts for small or new firms to meet INDOT staff and get selected.
    ▪ Potential to start small with on-call or lump sum contracts.
      - LaPorte and Greenfield are doing more of these, but still in the $4-6 M project range.
    ▪ Suggestion: Improve pairings of projects or create preventative maintenance project opportunities for small or new firms to gain experience.
    ▪ ACEC to inquire about Small Business on-call similar to federal work with the Corps or DOD?

• **Legislative Wrap Up from 2019 and Outlook for 2020**- Beth Bauer
  o Storm Water Funding Task Force
    ▪ ACEC Indiana received assistance from the National Minuteman Fund to fund the additional lobbying team contracted for this specific effort.
    ▪ Two ACEC members were appointed to the Storm Water Task Force.
  o Indemnification/ Duty to Defend signed into law, serving as a resource for other states seeking similar legislation.
  o Public Works Statutes Consolidation
    ▪ Goal is to have a large bill in 2021 for friendship siloes legislative practice
  o PVC Pipe Materials “Mandate”
    ▪ Indiana one of the first states to combat an attempt to dictate materials used for plans
  o Have found success including QBS in bills with new funding, such as Community Crossings
  o **National and Indiana PACs**
    ▪ Encourage everyone to develop personal relationships with legislators, makes a big difference for ACEC initiatives.

• **ACEC Indiana Strategic Plan Update**- Colleen Torres
  o Encourage involvement in Committees
    ▪ Liaison Committees with client agencies: Environmental Business (IDEM), Funding Sources (for water projects), IDNR, INDOT, Indy DPW, Vertical (structural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing)
- Internal Committees provide opportunities for younger and mid professionals to engage: Diversity, Education (middle and high school outreach, scholarship program, continuing education), Government Affairs, QBS, Membership Engagement, Workforce Development
  - QBS Committee working on survey with IACIR to get a current view on local official's familiarity, usage, stance and advocacy for QBS
    - If interested in Committee or Board of Director Opportunities, review qualifications in Pathway to Leadership
    - Forums for HR, Finance, IT, Legal and Project Management
      - Offer opportunity for best practices sharing
      - Principals, next generation and dedicated staff in the room sharing what works, common issues, etc.
    - Young Professionals Event in January 2020 on how young professionals can help their firm win work—sharing insight on business development/marketing and how young professionals can engage and make a difference

- Workforce Development - Colleen Torres
  - TMap Partnership for short term goal of gaps in positions at ACEC Indiana firms
    - The first ACEC Indiana and TMap Partnership enrollment period concluded with strong support from 35 member firms.
    - The 6-month Subscription Period for enrolled firms began on Nov. 1, 2019 and will run through April 31, 2020.
    - Stay tuned for updates regarding the success of the program. ACEC Indiana will update the full membership once a month with updates on: number of qualified and engaged candidates, number of candidates in the process of interviews, and the number of candidates placed at ACEC Indiana member firms.
    - There will be an opportunity to participate at the next 6-month Subscription Period. Enrollment will open by April 2020 for the next Subscription Period of May 1- Oct. 31, 2020.
  - Long term generating pipeline of engineering students, talent for decades to come
    - Consider in collaboration with the next Strategic Plan

- National ACEC Update - Rick Olson
  - National ACEC Strategic Plan
  - Private sector work
    - What percentage of work do firms do in this field?
      - Three firms in attendance noted they work about 50-50 in the private sector
    - Any requested support from ACEC?
      - Promoting Special Inspections during construction, other vertical topics= Vertical Committee meeting with Indiana Building Commissioner to propel forward

ACEC Indiana approves the course this program as a legitimate source of 2 PDHs. This course proved to be an orderly process of instruction, which was approved by ACEC Indiana, an approved provider according to IC 25-1-4-0.2, and designed to directly enhance a professional engineer’s knowledge and skill in providing services relevant to the practice of engineering. Please retain this document for your continuing education records.