Dear Members of the Indiana Association of School Business Officials:

Wisely spending taxpayer dollars is one of the goals of Indiana school boards—one that Indiana architects and professional engineers keep top of mind when partnering with your organizations. In the spirit of that goal, we want to bring a newly available construction delivery method to your attention.

In the spring of 2014, the Indiana General Assembly passed House Enrolled Act 1196 and Governor Mike Pence signed it into law, effective June 30, 2014. This Construction Manager as Constructor (CMc) legislation authorized a building methodology that was previously unavailable to public entities. Purdue University led the effort, along with a host of other interested parties within the construction industry, to expand Indiana’s options for delivering public construction projects. The legislation was passed with the condition it first be used by higher education until July 1, 2017, and then be available to all public agencies after June 30, 2017.

The CMc delivery method has been around for years and has been used effectively in virtually every other state. Indiana’s private sector has successfully used a variation of the method for many years. Since the June 30, 2014 adoption, CMc has been used successfully for important pilot projects by state universities, such as the Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall renovation at Indiana University, the Worthen Arena expansion at Ball State University, and the new Honors College at Purdue University.

The CMc legislation provides public entities with the following benefits for their public construction projects:

- Saves tax dollars by fostering early coordination between design professionals and construction companies. Better coordination accelerates the schedule and provides a more collaborative environment with less potential for conflict, change orders, and disputes. This results in a lower total project cost, delivered in a timely fashion.
- Offers another proven and responsible project delivery method option for public agencies to consider.
- Offers a more streamlined construction manager selection process and public bidding procedure.
- Provides more transparency.
- Allows more contractors to participate in the public bidding process (including MBE, WBE, DBE and VBE firms).
- Makes the private sector’s preferred building method available to the public sector, with appropriate protections.
- Allows public entities at all levels to benefit from the professional expertise of the CMc to deliver a public project on time and on budget, with fewer complications.
• Offers school personnel and boards another project delivery method that provides interaction with the architect as their agent.

We look forward to supporting your efforts to inform IASBO membership about this exciting new public construction methodology available to school corporations, state agencies, and local government on July 1, 2017. For more detailed information and references, please contact ACEC or AIA directly.

Sincerely,

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