

Questions for COVID-19 Roundtable Discussion

Topics:

Construction

Operations & Cleaning

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Construction

1. Has your state stopped construction activities? If so, what was your process, and do you view this as a compensable delay or Force Majeure?
2. Have you experienced “virtual inspections” by architects, engineers or building officials?
3. What are you doing for construction pre-bid meetings and bid openings during the pandemic? Videoconference? Electronic submission? Other practices?
4. Do you have effective technology systems and procedures in place to continue to manage the in-flight construction projects remotely? And if not, will you make it a priority to evaluate and invest in developing a plan for cloud-based management systems that will mitigate future disruptions?

Operations & Cleaning

5. Have you stipulated the cleaning requirements to be used by your construction contractors?
6. Are you using any special cleaning practices or products to deal with COVID19 such as disinfectant fogging, UV light, etc. Others?
7. How ready was your agency prepared for an event like COVID-19, and the need to continue the execution of capital project and facility operations? Did you state have a plan to manage emergency operations for your people and facilities? What are some of the challenges you are facing? People, Technology, Funding etc.
8. How has your State been dealing with the need to manage facilities and projects remotely? Did you have the right cloud-based systems to enable the workforce a ‘turn the switch’ to minimize the disruption.
9. Lack of technology and resources with the current State workforce is a major challenge even without a major disruption in operations like COVID-19. How will you implement a change management program to enable and train your present and future workforce resources to mitigate the risks of a disruption in State operations?

Space & Leasing

10. Have you converted space for temporary healthcare use? What were the lessons learned?
11. How have you handled the additional asks we have of our lessor community such as keeping buildings open longer hours for shift work, additional cleaning requirements and other services?
12. Setting up Alternate Care Facility (ACF), pop-up hospitals, locations and what are the vehicles used to enter into those agreements? How are you "holding" ACF locations until you identify you need to activate them and how are you handling payment?