

# MINUTES

## 2012 CONTRACTOR/DEVELOPER/ENGINEERS MEETING

February 1, 2012

8:00 – 11:00 MEETING

I. Opening Remarks by Rob Phillips, City Engineer

Four large WISDOT projects.  
MGO revision: domestic partnership insurance requirements.  
similar to Dane County. Presented to BPW on Feb 8.

II. Affirmative Action – Contract Compliance

SBE section of contracts has been revised.  
City is reviewing a 60% credit for materials vs. current 100%.  
100 companies have been added to the SBE directory. Some  
are not contractors and many are from Milwaukee but  
expressed interest in working in Madison area.

III. Comments by City Water Utility

No major spec revisions.  
WU had two inspectors retire in 2011 and are in process of  
filling vacancies.

IV. Comments by City Traffic Engineering

Traffic Engineering staff was not present

V. Comments by Parks Department

2012 projects include: Tenney parking lot, shoreline repair,  
annual landscaping, Central Park ph I.

VI. Affidavits for Truckers who are Owner Operators

Reminded contractors of this option for affidavits for  
independent truckers. This is not necessarily helping with  
collecting affidavits.

VII. Electronic Bidding

City received 5 submittals and interviewed 2 firms. City hopes  
to have system on line to bid late summer projects. System  
will allow contractors to view project information for free but  
require a cost to submit a bid. Paper bids can still be  
submitted.

Question was raised to see if this would eliminate the week delay in opening bids.

Answer: The one week delay will not change.

VIII. BVC

BVC limits are \$51,500 for single trade and \$251,000 for multi trade. State no longer maintains a report of apprentice compliance so contractors will be required to show proof of apprentice hiring or apply for exemption.

Proof can be a letter from union with information on hiring.

IX. Contract Closeout

Affidavits can be submitted at any time once project is complete so review process can start.

X. 2012 Spec Revisions

Highlighted some of the changes from the summary provided to the attendees. Proposed changes will be presented to BPW on 2/8/12.

XI. Contractor/Developer/Engineer Comments

Question asked why major DOT projects were using asphalt vs. concrete. Rob Phillips noted concern with longevity of concrete pavement and he cited John Nolen Drive as an example: this concrete portion needed extensive repairs and the asphalt portion hasn't needed repairs (the pavement is only 16 years old).

Apprentice as a bid item will be used on two projects this year.

AA was requested to better identify what SBE contractors are interested in bidding. Electricians and landscapers were used as examples. They are not interested in working on street reconstruction projects.

Discussed field taps on sewer access structures. Allowing pre-cored openings vs. field cores needs to be addressed with the shop drawings. This will be discussed at inspector/designer meeting later this month so city staff has same understanding.

NEXT MEETING MAY 2, 2012