

**St. Louis District Corps of Engineers /
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American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois Liaison Committee
- MINUTES -
Thursday, July 16, 2020
via WebEx**

ATTENDEES:

St. Louis District COE:

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Shelley Dintelman
Scott Harding

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. COVID-19 and the Back to Work Status

Greg Kohler said that the St. Louis District is transitioning back to working from the office, but most are still working from home. ACEC participants gave accounts of their office status, and most are continuing to work mostly from home. Travel restrictions apply to many firms.

2. AE Civil Works Contract Status

The second IDIQ contract has not been awarded yet. The St. Louis District is in negotiations with the second firm that was selected for the IDIQ contract. There are two more teams that were selected, but it is not anticipated that any more contracts will be awarded at this time.

Bruce Wylie introduced a discussion about the policy to request information from firms under an IDIQ contract to further compete for task orders. There was frustration stated by the Corps staff about this policy, and that level of frustration varies by District.

3. 2021 Budget Outlook

Operations and Maintenance budget is expected to be about the same next year as it is this year. The President's budget for this year does not have a lot of new construction contemplated.

4. Progress of Levee Safety Program

Rachel Lopez oversees this program. If there is interest, she can be invited to a future meeting. There are currently task orders being issued for creating levee profiles that have been issued under the St. Louis District IDIQ contracts.

5. NESP Update

NESP is the Navigation and Ecosystem Sustainability Program. There are no monies in the President's budget for this, but there is \$4.5 million dollars of other funding available (\$3.0 million navigation and \$1.5 million ecosystems) for the three upper Mississippi Districts.

Phil Mosier of the St. Louis District is leading this effort. There is a virtual meeting about this topic presented by the SAME St. Louis post scheduled for 1:00 pm today.

6. Change of Command

The Mississippi Valley Division will have a change of command to Brigadier General Diana Holland. She had previously led the South Atlantic Division.

Colonel Sizemore is retiring from the St. Louis District, and he will be replaced by Colonel Kevin Golinghorst who had previously led Ft. Leonard Wood.

Leonard Hopkins has returned from Afghanistan and is back to leading the H&H group

7. Does St. Paul have the Lead on the Next Regional AE IDIQ?

The next regional AE IDIQ is anticipated to be issued from the Rock Island District in approximately 3 ½ years.

8. Other Items

Scott Harding brought up a discussion about the Waters of the US. The Corps offered to ask Rob Gramke who leads the regulatory permitting branch to attend our next meeting.

9. Next Meeting Date and Location

The next meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2020 beginning at 10:30 a.m. to be held as a WebEx meeting. Agenda and directions will be forwarded prior to the meeting.