

Partnering Council Update 2023

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COLLABORATION

EXCHANGE INSPIRATION
 TEAMWORK
 SUCCESS ASSIST TRUST SUPPORT

MAKING LIVES BETTER THROUGH TRANSPORTATION

2022-2023 Activities

- ❖ 3D Bridge Forum
 - ❖ October 31st – West Des Moines Marriott – No Charge!
 - ❖ Thank You - FHWA State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC)
 - ❖ Model As Legal Document
- ❖ 2022 ACEC Training Opportunity Survey
 - ❖ ORD & OBD Training
 - ❖ Standards/Workspace/Best Practice
 - ❖ Committees/User Groups forming
- ❖ Railroad Coordination Best Practices
 - ❖ DOT identified needs at local agency level
 - ❖ DOT provided best practices
 - ❖ ACEC communicated to ACEC member firms

- ❖ Construction Cost Estimating Best Practices
 - ❖ Wednesday presentation at 11:20am
- ❖ ACEC Transportation Sector Committee
 - ❖ All Transportation Topics
 - ❖ Improve connection - ACEC members to Partnering Council
 - ❖ Over 20 members
 - ❖ Support for committee activities
- ❖ ACEC-DOT Benchmark Survey
 - ❖ 22 questions
 - ❖ DOT (66 Participants) and ACEC (51 Participants)
 - ❖ Good participation – thank you!
 - ❖ Last survey 2016
 - ❖ Track progress, identify focus areas

2023 Benchmark Survey

Survey
 ❖ 16 Primary Statements to ACEC and 14 to DOT
 ❖ 1 to 10 Scale; Disagree to Agree
 ❖ 3 open ended questions to identify improvement

Top 6 - Doing Good

Statement Topic	ACEC-2023	DOT-2023	2016 Average	ACEC Rank	DOT Rank
Deliverables meet standards	8.1	7.3	N/A	16	11
Consultants know DOT policy & standards	7.9	7.3	6.8	15	10
Consultants and DOT know & respect each other's role and responsibility	7.8	7.9	6.8	14	14
Iowa DOT and Consultant staff are available and responsive	6.9	7.6	N/A	13	13
Appropriate DOT and Consultant staff are available for decisions at the right time	6.8	6.6	N/A	12	6
Appropriate, sufficient, and responsive communication	6.6	7.2	6.4	11	9

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Top 6 - Improvement Opportunities

Statement Topic	ACEC-2023	DOT-2023	2016 Average	ACEC Rank	DOT Rank
Contract authorization is timely	6.2	6.9	6	6	8
Project scoping encourages creativity and innovation	5.6	6.3	5.5	5	4
Consultant selection process is open and clear	5.6	7.3	6.2	4	12
DOT Bureaus are consistent with scheduling, deliverables, and coordination	5.4	6.3	N/A	3	3
Project evaluation feedback to consultants is consistent, timely, informative	4.9	5.4	N/A	2	2
Feedback and lessons learned from construction consistently communicated	4.2	4.4	N/A	1	1

2023 Benchmark Survey

Survey
 ❖ 3 Open Ended Questions
 ❖ Self Assessment + Partner Assessment
 ❖ List Top 3 Areas for Improvement

Top 3 Areas For Improvement

ACEC Rank	DOT Rank
16	11
1	1
N/A	N/A
5	4
3	3
11	9
4	12
2	2
N/A	N/A
6	8

2023-2024 Next Steps

- ❖ Consultant Selection Process - 4/12
 - ❖ Start with education
 - ❖ Wednesday presentation at 11:20am
 - ❖ Provide us feedback
- ❖ Construction feedback to design - 1/1
 - ❖ DOT operations teams discussing
 - ❖ Define process to gather and communicate lessons learned from construction
 - ❖ Feedback to DOT and Consultant design teams
- ❖ Consultant project feedback – 2/2
 - ❖ Annual general performance review
 - ❖ Small DOT/ACEC committee determine what is realistic
 - ❖ Streamlined process that provides value

- ❖ ORD & OBD Training
 - ❖ 2nd most frequent "Top 3 suggestions"
 - ❖ #1 Training need defined by ACEC in 2022
 - ❖ Goal to train on DOT standards, workspace, best practice
 - ❖ ACEC ORD User Group established, providing input to DOT
 - ❖ BSB planning Open Bridge training - Q4-2023 to Q2-2024
- ❖ Scheduling, Coordination, Deliverables – 3/3
 - ❖ Most frequent "Top 3 suggestions"
 - ❖ Many facets – encompasses multiple responses
 - ❖ Feedback committees inherently address some elements
 - ❖ On-going Partnering Council discussions
- ❖ Possible future committees
 - ❖ Scheduling, Coordination, Deliverables – 3/3
 - ❖ Project scoping for innovation and creativity – 5/4

Improvement Need Rank: ACEC/DOT Example: 4/12