

CEI Subcommittee Meeting Agenda/Notes

MicroSoft Teams Meeting

April 28, 2022

1:00 PM

Members 2021-2022

*Robert Simpson (Co-Chair)- GDOT State Construction Administration Manager

*Jeremy Scott

*Joe Cowan (Co-Chair)- CDM Smith

*Timothy Evans- CERM

*Larry Gregory- KCI Technologies

*Tamae Partain- Arcadis

*Joe Sheffield- Atlas Technical Consultants

*Mike Thomas- Wood

Lee Upkins- Jacobs

**Denotes Attendance*

➤ **Introduction of Team Members**

➤ **Robert Simpson Promoted to GDOT State Construction Administration Manager**

Introduction of Robert Simpson to the committee

➤ **Next Generation of GDOT Construction Management Software**

○ Need to follow up on AASHTOWare rollout

- Jeremy reported that there may have been some glitches in the training that may have delayed the rollout which had been scheduled for earlier this year
- Potentially starting with July or August 2022 lettings which will not have near as many projects as the June letting
- All existing SiteManager Projects will continue in SiteManager

➤ **Recruitment of qualified Inspectors in the right geographic location**

Discussed industry wide challenges in finding inspection staff for

Regional Design Build CEI assignments. No reimbursement for lodging or per diem on existing contracts. Many of these projects are short term (90 to 120 calendar day) bridge replacement projects in remote locations across the state. These CEI contracts do not have a mechanism for reimbursement of the firms' expenses for hotels and meals which may be a factor in the firm choosing a lesser qualified inspector who lives near the project to avoid the loss of hotel and per diem expense versus a more highly qualified inspector that would provide more knowledge and experience to GDOT if these expenses were reimbursable.

Joe Cowan will reach out to Marc Mastronardi to get his thoughts on the subject and to see who the best contact at Alternative Delivery is for the topic of reimbursable expenses for current and future contracts and report back to the committee.

➤ **New CEI topics to discuss**

- Reports of some CEIT testing issues due to turnover in Training Officer positions in some districts
- Robert to send out an email to the group to determine if there are issues in districts that we might address to improve the process

➤ **GPTQ Committee Assignment nominations**

- Fall (2022)

➤ **The committee members thanked Jeremy Scott for his work as GDOT CEI Program Manager and for his service as Co-chair on this committee**

Next meeting for June 2022. Date and time to be determined.