

DATE: October 29, 2018
TO: AGC Board of Trustees
FROM: Sonja Forster, Seattle District Manager
RE: **Federal Facilities Committee Report**

Purpose: The Committee maintains liaison with local Federal and military construction agencies concerning construction activities and contracting procedures and policies, and responds to proposed legislation, Federal rulemaking and local procedures or requirements. Past examples: Supported AGCA comments on Federal local hire rule making, commented on NAFAC partnering proposals, change orders, etc.; and, routinely comment on projects proposed for PLA's, and support federal partnership through FTA funding on transit projects.

Membership: Chair, Phil Wallace, Kiewit, and Aaron Rugg, Manson. Other members interested in serving on the committee are welcome to do so.

Meetings: 2018 Federal Facilities 3-Year Outlook

The group meets once a year to hear the Federal Agencies present their 3-year construction outlook for projects and to discuss topics of interest to the agencies and members.

This year, the AGC Federal Facilities 3-Year Outlook meeting was held on Wednesday, November 17, 2018. After holding the 2017 meeting offsite, we brought the 2018 meeting back to our traditional location at the AGC Building in Seattle. Once again, we combined the meeting with AGC's Contractor Exchange, and encouraged small and DBE contractors to take advantage of a full day of information and networking.

To assist in planning, 2018 Federal Facilities Committee was expanded to include two members; Chair, Phil Wallace from Kiewit, and Aaron Rugg from Manson. The committee held three planning meetings and two calls with federal agency staff. Together we strove to improve online information, advertising and meeting agenda to increase interest in the event and value to our members. Here are some highlights from this year's meeting:

- Date was selected at our first meeting in February to avoid conflicts with competing events.
- Meeting agenda was posted on a new Federal Facilities page on the AGC website months before.
- Post meeting materials available online, including: federal facilities project lists, power point and video of each presentation.
- Small and DBE outreach produced attendance by Tiffany Scroggs, President of the Association of Procurement and Technical Assistance Centers, Ana Singh, SBA Business Opportunity Specialist and Apollo Fuhrman, Small Business Advocate for SBA. All three attended the lunch networking, meeting and happy hour.
- Brought back by popular demand Director Jordan Howard from AGCA's Federal and Heavy-Construction Division for a federal legislative update.
- Project presentations by NAVFAC, Army Corp, GSA and Coast Guard were kept to 15 minutes each, and federal agency representatives were encouraged to include additional detail in their project list handouts.
- Added a "Federal Project Highlight" to the agenda featuring the Army Corp of Engineers Mud Mountain Dam Fish Passage Project.
- Included a meet and greet happy hour after the meeting; meeting held in AGC's new Emerald Banquet Room.

Feedback after the meeting was very positive. We had a full room (76 registrations) and a few unexpected guests. Numerous small and DBE firms who attended the morning Contractor Exchange stayed for the full day, which included lunch networking, federal facilities meeting and happy hour. The federal legislative update was as popular as last year, and the Federal Project Highlight was a great addition. The Kiewit team did a fantastic job; they were joined by Mark Slominski, Army Corp's Construction Division Chief for the Seattle District to talk about the project's significance. Post meeting, happy hour was attended by approximately 25 guests/presenters. All seemed to enjoy the opportunity for more casual conversation.

Opportunities for improvement still exist in the area of advertising and attendance. Although we were full this year, we feel the resources in this meeting would be valuable to a larger group. Our online presence is also lacking. The Federal Facilities page does not have a good location on the AGC website and is very hard to find. Despite our efforts to move the meeting to October, we have conflicts with other competing events in the area and the AGC/Oles Morrison Federal Contracts Seminar, held a week later, makes advertising both events at the same time difficult. More insights will be recorded at our Federal Facilities Post Mortem meeting on November 5th.