

# 2019 Federal Facilities Committee Board Report

November 1, 2019

**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.

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

## **Meetings: 2019 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, October 16, 2019. As in 2017, the meeting was again held offsite due to lack of availability at the AGC Building. The facility chosen was Talaris Conference Center in NW Seattle. We held the meeting in conjunction with AGC's Contractor Exchange, and encouraged participating small and DBE contractors to stay for lunch, and attend the Federal Facilities meeting in order to take advantage of a full day of information and networking.

The agenda followed the new format created in 2018 which included our traditional Federal Legislative Update by AGC of America's Director of Federal and Heavy Construction, Jordan Howard, Federal Facilities Three-Year Project Presentations, and a Federal Project Highlight, which was the NAVFAC P-993 TPS Port Angeles this year. Post meeting, all the materials presented were posted on the AGC of Washington Federal Facilities webpage for attendees and other members who couldn't attend in person.

Although, there was some concern that holding the meeting off-site would negatively effect attendance, we had a full room and 74 registered. This met last year's meeting attendance numbers which was considered a good success over the 2017 meeting.

## **2019 AGC/Department of Defense Coordination Committee**

Earlier in the year, our Federal Facilities Committee was approached by Naval Facilities Command NW to form a coordination committee to provide liaison between contractors, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Naval Facilities Command and Coast Guard on matters of mutual interest, maintain continuing discussion with Corps representatives on specifications, contract administration, standard contract documents, bidding procedures, and governmental regulations, and to promote public awareness of the need for justifiable and feasible public works projects.

We held our Pilot meeting on July 30, and our first quarterly meeting on November 1, 2019. The next meeting will be held on Friday, February 7, 2020. Items covered in the first two agendas have been trends in labor relations, regional solutions for effective scheduling, creating effective feedback

mechanisms for contracts, procurement and acquisition policy changes, Join Risk Register and Team Partnering Assessment Initiatives, and Cyber Security Model Certification. The next meeting will include DIV 1 Specifications review. In the meantime, AGC of WA will be creating an issue priority matrix based on member feedback at the request of DoD facilities personnel. It is hoped that more coordination with our local federal facilities throughout the year will drive more interest in the annual Federal Facilities 3-Year Outlook.

Members who are participating and engaged in the coordination effort include Kiewit Infrastructure West, Manson Construction, Walsh Group, Tunista Construction, Hensel Phelps, McKinstry, and Absher Construction. All members interested are encouraged to participate.