MEETING AGENDA

AGC – USACE MilCon/Civil Works 8:00 AM – 11:20 AM
Welcome and Introductions

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Welcome Remarks

Military Construction & Civil Works Programs Discussion 8:30 AM to 11:20 AM
(Break from 10:00 AM to 10:15 AM)

Additional USACE HQ Personnel

AGC Questions for USACE Military Construction & Civil Works Programs

1. Budget Update, Appropriations, & Projects Outlook
   Please provide a general update on upcoming and anticipated projects included in the approved FY2023 enacted budgets and the FY2024 Request.
   
   Questions:
   A. What is the breakdown of projects? By project types; By procurement/project delivery method (design-build, design-bid-build, etc.); By state/location.
   B. There are projects that are authorized, but do not have funds appropriated. What is the status of these projects, and when are appropriations expected?

2. Infrastructure Investment
   A record-setting AGC backed construction investment bill, the $1.2 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill, represents a critical chance to significantly invest in building and maintaining a broad range of physical infrastructure without unnecessarily burdening the construction industry with new mandates. The infrastructure bill provides significant money to USACE for infrastructure investments.
   
   Questions:
A. Please describe USACE plans to execute projects originating from this infrastructure bill.

B. Will there be a preferred project delivery method? For example: For example: IDIQ programs, Design–Build, Best-Value, etc.

C. How can AGC and USACE work together to expedite the completion of these projects?

3. Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)
2022 WRDA: Congress in the enacted into law the AGC-backed 2022 WRDA which authorized new Army Corps of Engineers projects, including ports, levees and key restoration efforts. AGC has been meeting with the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, the House of Representative’s Transportation and Infrastructure Committees, and other lawmakers detailing policies and priorities.

Questions:

A. Please provide AGC with an update of the projects USACE has requested be authorized.

B. Please describe what significant policy changes USACE sees in the 2022 WRDA law.

C. Section 110 of WRDA 2020 requires the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works and USACE to account for the full identification and analysis of national economic benefits, regional economic development benefits, environmental quality benefits and other social effects. How will this new calculation factor in how USACE will determine which projects to pursue?

4. Partnering
USACE, AGC, and AGC members have a long history of partnering to deliver the high-quality infrastructure projects in a safe and effective manner. In 2022, AGC and the USACE formally renewed its long-standing partnership. For more than one hundred years, partnership between AGC and USACE has been key in building the infrastructure our Nation needs at home and abroad. AGC and USACE signed a Partnership Charter and Safety Memorandum of Understanding.

AGC believes that engaging in project-level partnering as committed team members with USACE will improve project execution, staff efficiency (USACE and contractor), safety, trust, and the project team relationships. AGC members have embraced partnering and are committed to bringing key decision makers into the fold in order to get the most out of the process. There exists opportunities to improve the process by getting a commitment from all parties attending to bring key decision makers (i.e., Design Manager, Contracting Officer, Contract Specialist, Project Manager, and Operation Manager, etc.).
Questions:
B. What metrics are tracked from the date of partnering through project completion?
C. How can AGC help in providing assistance to contractors on partnering, training, expectations, best practices, etc.
D. Are there any other playbooks that USACE is considering publishing?

5. **Speed to Award**
Awarding projects and quickly beginning work has long been a priority for GSA and AGC. Quickly awarding projects help USACE and AGC members mitigate the many risks and uncertainties that currently face USACE projects.

Questions:
A. What initiatives from USACE will help increase the speed to award?
B. What recommendations do AGC members have?
C. What can USACE do to reduce instances where AGC members are asked to hold bids?

**USACE Questions for AGC**
USACE may provide questions for contractors on field issues or policy reforms.

**General Questions**
Open questions from the floor.

**Adjourn**