

MEETING AGENDA

AGC – IHS Meeting

10:45 AM - 11:45AM

Welcome Remarks and Introductions

Shea DeLutis AGC Federal Division Chair (Past)

IHS Remarks

CDR Omobogie Amadasu, P.E. Acting Deputy Director, Division of Facilities Planning and Construction Office of Environmental Health and Engineering

> CDR Scott Fillerup, PE, CHFM, PPM, DBIA Commander, U.S. Public Health Service

> > Members of IHS Headquarters

AGC Questions for IHS

1. Background on Indian Health Service

AGC requests that IHS provide a brief overview of the agency, including its history, mission, and vision, to help set the stage for the discussion. It would be helpful to understand the scope and scale of IHS operations—such as the size of the service population, the types of facilities, and the range of services provided.

2. Budget Update

Please provide a general update on upcoming and anticipated projects included in the approved 5-year plan.

- a. What is the breakdown of projects? By project types; By procurement/project delivery method (design-build, design-bid-build, etc.); By location.
- b. There are projects that are authorized, some of which are fully funded, and others which do not have funds appropriated. What is the status of these projects, and when are appropriations expected?

3. Small Business Engagement

AGC supports IHS's continued commitment to small business participation in federal construction and recognizes the critical role small businesses play in building healthcare infrastructure for Tribal communities.

a. What steps is IHS taking to engage small businesses?





b. Are there tools, outreach efforts, or support mechanisms in place to assist small businesses pursuing IHS contracts?

4. Resources for Interested Contractors

Accessible guidance and other resources are essential to helping firms, particularly new IHS contractors, to navigate the procurement processes, meet agency expectations, and deliver high-quality projects efficiently and effectively.

- a. What public-facing resources, guides, or other materials does IHS provide to help contractors better understand IHS design and construction requirements?
- b. Are there upcoming webinars, industry days, or training sessions planned to support contractors interested in IHS work?

5. Partnering

AGC believes that engaging in project-level partnering as committed team members with IHS will improve project execution, staff efficiency (IHS and contractor), safety, trust, and 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. We see an opportunity 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.).

- a. What is IHS's policy on Formal vs. Informal Partnering?
- b. How can AGC and IHS work together to increase partnering?

AGC Questions for Contractors

1. Impact of PLA Requirements

- a. How have requirements for Project Labor Agreements (PLA) impacted your willingness to bid projects?
- b. What impact do PLAs have on the overall contract in terms of price and schedule risk?

2. Contractor Awareness of IHS Opportunities

- a. Prior to this conference, how many of you heard about IHS, and what interest if any have you had in IHS projects?
- b. How has that changed if at all because of FedCon?

3. Barriers to Participation

- a. What are the greatest hurdles for general contractors to do work for IHS?
 - i. Project timelines fluctuate, lack of adequate funding from Congress, remote project locations, patience with the federal government procurement system

OPEN DISCUSSION

• Questions from the floor.

