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Louis Feagans, P.E.
INDOT Capital Program Director
Re: Recommendations on SAA Scoring and Local Office Points
Sent via email: lfeagans@indot.in.gov

Dear Louis,
In response to the concerns that you raised at Can-Do regarding SAA scoring/points and Local Office points, ACEC Indiana deliberated them and as a result, we have recommendations on each issue, below.

SAA Scoring recommendation

ACEC Indiana recommends that SAA scoring continue "as-is" by the INDOT Selection Review Committee. The process and implementation for SAA is viewed as transparent and fairly implemented. However, a better understanding of criteria considered by the INDOT Selection Review Committee would be helpful to ACEC membership in determining how many and what RFP items to pursue, due to the significant effort and related cost to prepare LOI's. Perhaps an abbreviated LOI submittal may make sense for smaller or less complex projects? If INDOT is open to exploring this abbreviated option, ACEC stands ready to make a recommendation on this.

Detailed questions/information sought related to criteria and selection considerations are below:

1. Does capacity determination include the extent of a consultant(s) work on P3's and/or D/B's where engineering contracts are not with INDOT?
2. Does capacity determination differentiate between project development and construction inspection?
3. How does timing of most recent selection and aggregate amount of work with INDOT impact capacity determination?

ACEC will continue to review and monitor the application of the SAA points and appreciate INDOT's acceptance on the opportunity to provide input into the selection process.

Local Office Points recommendation

Much discussion took place regarding the Location scoring criteria for INDOT RFP's to better define appropriate application. We suggest that the location criteria should be based upon the PM's location for performing the work. The PM's office location should be where the PM principally resides or where the PM would relocate to and spend the majority of their time during the project duration. Revision of the scoring sheet to incorporate this meaning should also be made. Further, to add some teeth to this recommendation, we would support that if a firm credits local office points inappropriately, as determined by INDOT prior to being under contract, INDOT may disqualify it from the project and assign the project to the next highest ranked firm. Additionally, ACEC intends to continue monitoring the use of Local Office Points.

We hope that our recommendations satisfy your concerns, and we available to discuss in more detail at your convenience.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sanjay B. Patel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'S'.

Sanjay B. Patel, P.E.
President

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