

# *MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS*

## *INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review*

**DATE:**

April 10, 2006

**SUBJECT:**

Consultant Selection for the MAG Specifications and Details Inventory Project

**SUMMARY:**

In September 2004, the FY 2005 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget was amended and approved by the MAG Regional Council to include \$80,000 of Surface Transportation Program funding for the development of the MAG Specifications and Details Inventory Project. The desired results of this inventory effort are to obtain information concerning the character and extent of existing agency supplements to the *MAG Standard Specifications and Details for Public Works Construction*, as well as gather and categorize the supplemental specifications and details. The inventory will enable the Specifications and Details Committee to evaluate existing modifications for inclusion in or revision of the MAG publication. An initial request for proposals was advertised in February 2005 for consultant assistance; however, no proposals were received during its first advertisement. Consequently, the scope and description of the project were revised and a second request for proposals was released and advertised beginning February 9, 2006. Two proposals were received by the March 13, 2006 deadline. They were submitted by Apex Engineering and AZ-FLASH Companies, LLC.

A multi-agency review team consisting of members from Maricopa County, the City of Chandler, the City of Scottsdale, advisory members of the MAG Specifications and Details Committee and MAG staff met to evaluate the proposals on March 22, 2006. The evaluation team is recommending that the firm AZ-FLASH Companies, LLC be selected for the MAG Specifications and Details Inventory Project for an amount not to exceed \$80,000.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

None has been received.

**PROS & CONS:**

**PROS:** MAG Specifications and Details allow MAG agencies and area general contractors to have access to a set of standards for public works construction that is consistent throughout the region. This inventory will help committee members determine what specifications and details are in use by different agencies, and which may be able to be standardized and included in the MAG publication. In addition, the collection of agency supplements will provide a central resource and library of public works specifications and details in the MAG region.

**CONS:** The review of agency supplements to the MAG Specifications and Details may prompt a major increase in the size and complexity of the MAG publication.

## TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

**TECHNICAL:** The MAG Specifications and Details are not prescriptive and MAG agencies are free to utilize the MAG standards as desired, or when appropriate. The supplements that individual agencies have released will be inventoried, collected, categorized and reviewed with recommendations provided to the MAG Specifications and Details Committee. These supplements may be used to implement revisions to the MAG Specifications and Details, or possibly be included directly in the MAG publication.

**POLICY:** Any changes will be brought forward through the annual Specifications and Details Update process and will be reviewed, recommended and approved by the Specifications and Details Committee, agency Public Works Directors, the Management Committee and the Regional Council.

## ACTION NEEDED:

Recommend approval to select AZ-FLASH Companies, LLC for the MAG Specifications and Details Inventory Project for an amount not to exceed \$80,000.

## PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

On April 5, 2006, the Management Committee approved the recommendation of AZ-FLASH Companies, LLC to be selected as the consulting firm for the MAG Specifications and Details Inventory Project.

## MEMBERS ATTENDING

Ed Beasley, Glendale, Chair	Mike Cartsonis for Darryl Crossman, Litchfield Park
Bridget Schwartz-Manock for Jan Dolan, Scottsdale, Vice Chair	Christopher Brady, Mesa
# George Hoffman, Apache Junction	Tom Martinsen, Paradise Valley
Charlie McClendon, Avondale	Terry Ellis, Peoria
Carroll Reynolds, Buckeye	Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix
* Jon Pearson, Carefree	Cynthia Seelhammer, Queen Creek
Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek	* Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Patrice Kraus for Mark Pentz, Chandler	Jim Rumpeltes, Surprise
* B.J. Cornwall, El Mirage	Amber Wakeman for Will Manley, Tempe
Alfonso Rodriguez for Orlando Moreno, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	* Reyes Medrano, Tolleson
# Tim Pickering, Fountain Hills	* Shane Dille, Wickenburg
* Lynn Farmer, Gila Bend	Mark Fooks, Youngtown
* Gila River Indian Community	Dale Buskirk for Victor Mendez, ADOT
George Pettit, Gilbert	David Smith, Maricopa County
Stephen Cleveland, Goodyear	Bryan Jungwirth for David Boggs, Valley Metro/RPTA
Mark Johnson, Guadalupe	

\* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

# Participated by telephone conference call.

+ Participated by videoconference call.

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Bob Herz, Maricopa County Department of Transportation

David Fern, P.E., City of Chandler

Rodney Ramos, P.E., City of Scottsdale

John F. Ashley, Advisory member: Arizona Cement Association

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