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10th NACGEA Workshop - Caltrans Project Opportunities & Delivery Process

Friday March 23, 2012, 12:00pm-4:30pm

Caltrans District 7 First Floor Conference Room, 100 Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

AGENDA:

- 12:00pm-1:00pm Registration, Networking & Luncheon Speeches from Sponsors
 1:00pm-1:15pm Opening Remarks, Endi Zhai, President of NACGEA

1) Keynote Presentation (1:15pm-1:45pm) – **Caltrans Construction Outlook 2012 and Caltrans Design-Build**, Invited Speaker: **Mr. Roy L. Fisher**, Deputy District Director, Caltrans District 7, Los Angeles.

2) Keynote Presentation (1:50pm-2:20pm) – **How to Do Business with Caltrans – Contractor's Perspective**, Invited Speakers: **Ms. Linda J. Clifford**, Chief Financial Officer, CC Myers, Inc., Sacramento, CA.

2:25pm – 2:55pm **Break & Meet with Primes**

3) Keynote Presentation (2:55pm-3:25pm) – **Outlook for Architecture & Engineering Contracts**, Invited Speakers: **Mr. Basem Muallem**, Deputy District Director, Caltrans District 8, San Bernardino, CA.

4) Keynote Presentation (3:30pm-4:00pm) – **Successfully Deliver Caltrans Projects – District 12 Project Opportunities – Caltrans Guidelines on Prevailing Wage and DBE/UDBE**, Invited Speakers: **Mrs. Maria Espinoza-Yeppez**, Branch Chief, Project Delivery/Construction Administration, Caltrans District 12, Irvine, CA.

5) General Questions & Discussions (4:00pm-4:25pm)

6) Closing (4:25pm-4:30pm)

Luncheon Cost: \$25 regular; \$10 for Government Employees/Students

RSVP: Please make online reservation by click or copying the following web address:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?formkey=dEQ0M2VXa29SQWZZU201eWJoUWp0S1E6MQ>

Prestigious Workshop Speakers (Per Speaking Sequence)



Mr. Roy Fisher, PE
District 7 Deputy Director



Ms. Linda Clifford
CFO, CC Myers



Mr. Basem Muallem, PE
District 8 Deputy Director



Mrs. Maria Espinoza-Yeppez
District 12 Branch Chief



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Mr. Roy Fisher, PE
Deputy District
Director, Caltrans
District 7

Roy Fisher, Caltrans Deputy District Director for Construction, supervises 300 employees and is responsible for delivering a \$1.32 billion freeway and highway construction program in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

Fisher has been the construction deputy since February 2009. Prior to assuming this position, he was the area construction manager for the Offices of Structure Construction in District 7 and held that position for eight years. He has worked at every level in Construction starting as a junior civil engineer in 1983 and then becoming a structure representative and resident engineer. He was promoted to senior bridge engineer in 1992, and Area Construction Manager in 2000. He has worked in District 12, the Sacramento offices of Structure Construction (OSC) in 1997, and served as the interim Office Chief for Structure Maintenance in 2005. Fisher has been a resident engineer academy instructor, an OSC winter training instructor in welding, and was one of the editors who updated the Caltrans Construction Manual in 2001.

The Construction Division includes the Office of Office Engineer, Construction Engineering Management, and three field offices.

Fisher is a native of Southern California and grew up in San Diego. He obtained a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering in 1983 from the University of Southern California.

Linda Clifford, CFO, is in her 26th year with C. C. Myers, Inc. Ms. Clifford oversees the financial matters, surety and banking relationships, contract management, human resources, accounting, information technology and risk management. Ms. Clifford is a member of the senior management team and participates in strategic planning and positioning for the company.

Ms. Clifford holds general contractor licenses in California, Oregon, Arizona, Nevada, Idaho and Colorado as well as a Real Estate Broker's License in California. Linda teaches Construction Accounting and Contract Management at the UC Davis Construction Management Program. Linda is a founding member of the Sacramento Construction Management Education Foundation (SCMEF) supporting the CM Program at Sacramento State University. Linda also sits on the boards of the California Transportation Foundation and Transportation California and is a Commissioner on the California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission for the State of California.

Linda has a BS in Business Administration, a MBA in Accounting and is also a graduate of the UC Davis, Construction Management program and the UC Berkeley, Haas School of Business, Executive MBA program.



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Basem Muallem is the District 8 Deputy District Director for Program Project Management (PPM) and Right of Way for Caltrans in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. In addition, he was previously the Deputy District Director for Maintenance. Basem also was on an interim assignment as the HQ Division Chief for Maintenance and for Right of Way.

Mr. Muallem was appointed to the PPM Deputy position in February 2008. As the PPM Deputy, Mr. Muallem oversees the overall management of the Capital program, and the Capital Quality Support (COS) budget for all district staff who work on Capital projects. Project managers, Program managers, Architectural & Engineering Contract managers, and other support staff are under his division. As a License civil engineer, Mr. Muallem has been with Caltrans for 28 years, serving in a number of engineering and management positions.

After graduating in 1983 from the California State university, Long Beach with a Bachelors, the later with Masters in Civil Engineering, Mr. Muallem went to work for Caltrans in Los Angeles (District 7) as an entry level civil engineer. In 1989, he transferred to District 8 and promoted through the ranks to his current position.



Mr. Basem Muallem, PE
Deputy District Director,
Caltrans District 8



Mrs. Maria Espinoza-Yepez

**Branch Chief, Project
Delivery/Construction
Administration, District 12**

Maria Espinoza-Yepez is the Branch Chief, for the Project Delivery/Construction Administration office for Caltrans District 12 in Orange County. She also oversees the Labor Compliance Program and Training and Vehicles Branch. Mrs Espinoza-Yepez is the subject expert in the area of Labor Compliance , Prevailing wages for District 12. She has been with Caltrans since 1999. Prior to Caltrans Mrs Espinoza-Yepez also worked for the Department of Corrections for 16 years as Business Services Analyst and in various other capacities. Previous experience also includes Contract Analyst with Department of Procurement and Contracts and Personnel Analyst. Mrs. Espinoza-Yepez is also a committee member of the Caltrans Cal Mentor Program.