

WSDOT/ACEC-WA BAS Sub-Committee Meeting

Tuesday, Nov 4, 2025 – 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Meeting Minutes

- 1.) Introductions/Safety – Erik briefly covered the agenda and Laura provided the safety topic – planning for emergency evacuation.
- 2.) Local Programs – Michele their biggest concern right now is how to advise local agencies on the DBE Interim Final Rule (IFR). They have several projects that are out on the street that needed amendments to change goal from DBE to Federal Small Business Goal (FSBE). Another complication is the various local agency legal councils are providing their own advice that may conflict with the guidance put out by OECR.
- 3.) CSO Update:
 - Schatzie talked about CSO's understanding of the DBE IFR. CSO has updated its contract templates to replace DBE with FSBE. We aren't doing commercial useful function (CUF) reviews right now and existing contracts remain unchanged until we hear otherwise. OMWBE is in charge of recertifying all DBEs, no word yet on how that will go. But if primes are looking for FSBE firms they just click on DBE and SBE when they do their search on OMWBE and that equates to an FSBE certified firm.
 - Shared link to Dept. of Revenues (DOR) page related to new services now subject to sales tax. Generally, doesn't affect A&E except for the advertising portion which may apply. Advised if companies have questions to reach out to DOR directly.
 - Mentioned National Highway Institute (NHI) is working on a scope development course that will include cost plus fixed fee training.
 - Shared to link to the Stambaugh Ness training next week on pending FAR changes. Schatzie briefly reviewed and doesn't appear to be major changes but consultants might find webinar helpful.
- 4.) Round Table – No new topics discussed.
- 5.) The next meeting is set for Jan 13, 2025. Carolyn has safety. Suggested topics – short session and OECR rep to discuss any updates on IFR.