**American Council of Engineering Companies of Louisiana**

**Water Resources Committee**

**September 2021 - Monthly Report**

**Old Business/Updates**

* + Water Resource Committee Meeting was conducted on August 19, 2021 via video conference

**New Business**

* + CPRA
    - Engineering IDIQ – change from yearly solicitation to 3 year selection
      * Develop question list for feedback
        + Are you setting any kind of limit on the number of firms on the IDIQ since you are reducing the opportunity for firms to compete to be on the list?

If fewer, why and what how are you determining that number?

Without opportunity to be on the list, firms have no chance of seeking a task.

With no tasks, firms cannot gain experience

* + - * + Is there no opportunity for a new firm to be considered for the list until the three-year window has expired?

New Firms find it very difficult to get on the IDIQ list…

* + - * + Do you expect to have a mix of small and large firms on the IDIQ?
        + Can a firm not on the list serve as a sub with another prime?

If not, small firms have less opportunity to demonstrate their work or gain experience to compete for future rounds

* + The Water Institute
    - Public Model Repository – ongoing discussion
      * To speak at ACEC Fall Conference
  + Louisiana Watershed Initiative
    - Feedback on programmatic schedule
      * No updates
  + Office of Community Development - Water Sector Commission
    - Round 1 currently open – water/wastewater
      * Chance McNeely – met with Darden – administration not in the driver seat. Joint legislative commission (JLCD) is in control and it will be an unconventional approach to how this shakes out.
    - Round 2 Projects this fall - drainage
  + Additional Agencies
    - Water Sector Program
      * Tentative as to whomever will be administrating the federal infrastructure grants
      * seeking member feedback
  + Target Policies
    - Federal Infrastructure Package
      * Tracking rollout of legislation

**Next Meeting**

* + Water Resource Committee Meeting to be held on October 21, 2021 via video conference