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Consultant Fee Independent Cost Estimating Process - Florida DOT
Agenda

Overview of FDOT

Overview of Scope and Staff Hour Procedure

Overview of Scope and Staff Hour Estimation Tools

Review of Scope Development Process

Identification of Best Practices
Overview

Florida Department of Transportation

- Decentralized
  - 7 Districts + Florida Turnpike Enterprise
- $10 Billion Annual Budget
- 6,500 Employees
- Approximately 90% of Design projects → Consultants
Procedure

Department Procedure 375-030-020

- [http://www.fdot.gov/procedures/formsandprocedures.shtm](http://www.fdot.gov/procedures/formsandprocedures.shtm)
- Requires the use of:
  - Standard Scope of Services
  - Staff Hour Estimation Guidelines
  - Staff Hour Estimation Forms
• PURPOSE:
  – “The Department of Transportation (Department) employs consultant services for the purposes of PD&E Studies and Design Services. The Standard Scope and Staff Hour Estimation Guidelines is to provide guidance for efficient and uniform negotiations of these professional services contracts statewide. The Guidelines consist of the Scope of Services files, Staff Hour Forms and Staff Hour Estimation Basis. The purpose of this procedure is to implement the required use of the Standard Scope and Staff Hour Estimation Guidelines for Project Development and Environment Studies (PD&E) and Design services Projects.”
Scope & Staff Hour Estimation Tools

Project Management Web Page

  - Design Standard Scope of Services
  - Design Staff Hour Estimation Guidelines
  - Design Staff Hour Estimation Forms
Scope & Staff Hour Estimation Tools

Design Standard Scope of Services
- Standard Template for Scope of Services
- Developed by teams of FDOT and Consultant Personnel
  - Sub-Teams for each Discipline
- 37 Sections (Design Activities)
- Customized with project-specific information

Design Staff Hour Estimation Guidelines and Forms
- Developed by teams of FDOT and Consultant Personnel
  - Sub-Teams for each Discipline (Same teams as for Scope)
- For estimation and negotiation of professional services contracts
- Tasks match Scope of Services Activities
Scope & Staff Hour Estimation Tools

Design Staff Hour Estimation Guidelines and Forms (cont.)

• Staff Hour Ranges for each task based on complexity
  – Neither Max nor Min (Applicable to 90% of projects)

Philosophy – Ranges not intended to cover all projects

Staff Hour Range
(Covers about 90% of all FDOT Projects)

• Staff Hour Estimation Forms to calculate hours
# Scope & Staff Hour Estimation Tools

## Design Staff Hour Estimation Guidelines and Forms (cont.)

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Incorporate Report of Core Borings into project plans. Low Range: multiple
## Scope & Staff Hour Estimation Tools

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**NOTE:** Signature Block is optional, per District preference

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Scope Development Process

Process

• Develop Stage I Scope
• Advertise Project
• Receive Letters of Response
• Long & Short List
• Scope Meeting
• Develop Stage II Scope
• Receive Proposals
• Rank Firms
• Negotiate Staff Hours with #1 Firm
• Develop Stage III Scope
• Execute Contract
• Notice to Proceed to consultant
Scope Development Process

Stage I Scope

- Develop & coordinate initial detailed scope used for project advertisement
- FDOT PM prepare draft Risk Analysis
- The more detail the better

Stage II Scope

- Updated (more detailed) Scope
- Obtain discipline input
- Provided to short listed firms
Scope Development Process

Scope of Services Meeting For Shortlisted Firms

• Provide Stage II scope
• FDOT representative from each discipline provides clarification on the scope
• Consultant asks questions
• FDOT PM can amend Stage II Scope based on meeting and reissue Stage II Scope

Following Scope of Services Meeting

• Receive proposals
• Rank firms
• Notify Firms
Scope Development Process

Prepare for Negotiations

- FDOT and Selected Consultant Prepare Staff Hours
  - Based on Stage II Scope
  - Document assumptions in comments
- Scope Clarification Meeting with Selected Firm
  - FDOT and Consultant staff from all disciplines discuss scope
  - Scope changes based on info learned during selection process
  - Consultant is responsible to document scope changes
- Revise Staff Hours Based on Scope Clarification Meeting
  - FDOT and Consultant update staff hours
  - Update “Comments” as hours are updated
  - FDOT and Consultant exchange staff hours 2 to 3 days prior to start of negotiations

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Scope Development Process

Negotiate Staff Hours

- PM Coordinates internal participation
- Follow FDOT Negotiations Handbook (Mutual Gains)
  - [http://www.fdot.gov/procurement/Negotiations.shtm](http://www.fdot.gov/procurement/Negotiations.shtm)
- FDOT and Consultant sign-off
  - on staff hour sheets
  - on staff hour distribution for each discipline
- Consultant is normally responsible for updating Scope

Stage III Scope

- Coordinate & finalize scope after negotiations
- Final scope used in contract
- Notice to Proceed to consultant
Best Practices

Provide as much detail in Scope as possible

Make sure changes to Scope and/or Staff Hours are coordinated

Scope Clarification Meeting
• Consultant should have all subconsultants attend the meeting
• Consultant should take good notes

Staff Hours
• Make sure hours are accurate and defendable
• Don’t “Double-dip” hours
• Use the Comments box and clearly state the basis for all hours
• Provide formula for hour calculations
Best Practices

Staff Hours (Cont.)

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Total hours = 50 + 8 + 10 + 12 + 40

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