

## **MEETING AGENDA**

**AGC – General Services Administration Meeting**

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**8:45 AM – 10:30 AM**

### **Welcoming Remarks and Introductions**

Jason Hard  
*Chair, AGC Federal Facilities Committee*

### **PBS Program Update**

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### **AGENCY BUDGET UPDATE**

- In FY 2016, GSA has seen construction budgets well over \$2 billion. FY 2018 is under a Continuing Resolution (CR) and during a CR there are no new capital projects, unless explicitly specified in the text of the CR. For FY 2019, the President's budget requests approximately \$2 billion for new construction, acquisition, repair and alteration.

#### **QUESTIONS:**

- How is GSA working with OMB and Congress to obtain needed levels of funding for FY 2019?
- What is the vision going forward for the Public Building Service? What is on GSA's "project wish list"? Why do some projects make the list and others do not?
- What are the priority projects for GSA? How are those projects determined?
- What is the likely impact of the FY 2018/2019 construction budget on the leasing program?
- Please discuss the 5 year outlook GSA must conduct per OMB requirements, and any updates.

### **FEDERAL COURTHOUSE PROGRAM**

- Congress has appropriated roughly \$1 billion for federal courthouse improvements. Please explain the status of this program.

**QUESTIONS:**

- What are the project delivery methods generally chosen for these projects? How is this determined? Has GSA's new Project Delivery Method Selection tool been used on these projects?
- Typically, the source selections for these projects are one-step procurement process. Would GSA consider moving to a two-step procurement process?
- AGC understands there is currently a pilot program. Please explain the status of this program.

**F.B.I., D.O.L., & VOLPE CENTER**

- Please explain the status of the F.B.I. headquarters relocation, the Department of Labor relocation, and the Department of Transportation's John A. Volpe National Transportation Systems Center (Volpe Center) relocation.

**SOUTHERN BORDER WALL & LAND PORTS OF ENTRY**

- On January 25, 2017, President Trump signed the Executive Order: Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements. The bidding process for a Southern Border Security Wall was officially announced in February.

**QUESTIONS:**

- Please explain the status of GSA's initiatives, if any, along the Southern Border.
- Please explain the status of the GSA acquisitions in regards to projects involving DHS and land ports of entry.

**CIVILIAN PROPERTY REALIGNMENT aka "CIVILIAN BRAC" BECOMES LAW**

- In 2016, President Obama signed into law the AGC-supported Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act. This bipartisan law will shrink the federal footprint and streamline the disposal of excess or underutilized federal buildings. Among other things, the Federal Assets and Transfer Act requires:
  - Establish a Public Buildings Reform Board to identify opportunities to reduce the federal real property inventory;
  - Require the Board will make recommendations for the sale of at least \$8 billion worth of underutilized and vacant federal properties;

- Require the Board to create a website making relevant information accessible to the public; and
- Require GSA to create and publish a single, comprehensive database of all federal real properties within one year.

**QUESTIONS:**

- What is the status of these efforts?
- What current efforts or new/planned initiatives does GSA have in mind to further the goals of maximizing the efficiency of the federal real property portfolio?

**PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS**

- GSA awards points to a contractor's bid when it accompanies a Project Labor Agreement (PLA). However, PLAs are rarely, if ever, used on GSA projects. AGC believes that PLAs are not always the best solution for a given project. There is no evidence proving that PLAs will improve the economy or efficiency of a project. Please explain the reasoning behind awarding points for PLA in bid submissions.

**QUESTIONS:**

- Does GSA foresee the removal of this practice?

**PROJECT DELIVERY**

- **Design-Build:** How is GSA continuing to improve its processes to better integrate its clients' input into the decision-making process for design-build (DB) projects? Would you please explain any recent updates GSA has made to the Design-Build/Design Excellence program?
- **IPD/CMc:** Beyond DB, how is GSA working to better integrate tenants' input early in the process and to manage that input and client expectations when construction commences? What is the status/results of GSA's version of CM-at-Risk (CMc)? Are there efforts to investigate means to develop an IPD project delivery method given the FAR constraints?

**SUSTAINABILITY & GREEN CONSTRUCTION**

- AGC appreciates the continued efforts GSA takes in advancing green building and sustainability efforts. What are the latest trends in green building/sustainable construction GSA is seeing and utilizing? Are there any new or planned projects that

AGC should be aware of that highlight these trends? What is the role of “sustainable procurement”?

- **Resiliency:** AGC members have seen projects that incorporate “resiliency” in project evaluations. Please explain this requirement and how project are evaluated based on this criteria.

### **LOWER-TIER SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTOR COUNTING RULE**

- The SBA released a proposed rule that would allow prime contractors to count lower-tier, small business subcontracts towards their small business subcontracting goals. Currently, prime contractors can only take credit for their small business subcontracts at the first tier. This proposed rule will allow prime contractors to take credit for subcontracts—above \$650,000—at any tier to meet such goals.

#### **Questions**

- Is GSA working on implementing this proposal or at least aware of it?
- Are the contracting officers being trained?
- Will existing contracts be retroactively modified when the FAR is officially changed?

### **CATEGORY MANGEMENT INITIATIVE**

- Category management enables the government to eliminate redundancies, increase efficiency, and deliver more value and savings from the government’s acquisition programs. Please explain the status of GSA’s category management initiative.

### **REGULATORY REFORMS UNDER THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION**

- The President has put forth a number of regulatory reform initiatives. These include executive orders establishing federal agency regulatory reduction task forces and eliminating two regulations for every new one issued. The new administration is also looking to comprehensively reorganize the executive branch. Based on these various initiatives, please explain:
  - What role GSA will play in the regulatory reform initiative? Are there GSA-specific rules or FAR rules that GSA is seeking to eliminate (e.g., FAR rule

encouragement of government mandated-project labor agreements)? How can AGC provide regulatory reduction assistance?

- What is the status of various climate change and sustainability policies and executive actions taken under the Obama administration?
- Is there any discussion involving construction agencies in regards to the reorganization of the executive branch and federal agencies?

### **General Questions**

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- Open questions from the floor?

### **Adjourn**

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