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1. New Contractor payment request form

A revised version of the Contractor payment request is now available via the SAO Web site at www.ohio.gov/sao (click on Forms / Documents). The older versions have been removed and should not be used on any new projects for which a Schedule of Values has not been submitted.

The new forms now include a worksheet tab to capture data on EDGE (Encouraging Diversity, Growth and Equity) information regarding all subcontractors and suppliers expected to be used on a project. Another worksheet tab will be used to upload payment dates to SAO's accounting system and EDGE data will then be reported to a new system developed by the DAS Information Technology Systems office for the DAS Equal Opportunity Division.

Similar versions of the Associate and Construction Manager payment request forms will be available soon.

2. SAO staff changes

The State Architect's Office would like to announce the following changes in staffing and team assignments.

First, please join us in congratulating Keith Wagenknecht on his new position with the City of Columbus as its chief building official. For 17 years, Keith was a driving force for our office, the industry and Ohio. Keith's last day with the State Architect's Office was Oct. 20.

Project Manager Ned Thiell began serving as interim deputy state architect Oct. 1 for Team A, which includes project management for all higher education and the Ohio Department of Administrative Services facilities. Ned and Keith co-managed the team, gradually transitioning responsibilities. In the meantime, we've posted the advertisement for a permanent deputy state architect (see article three below). Also, former Project Manager Roger Griebing has returned from retirement on a contract basis to manage projects for Team A.

Second, projects for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) once again became Team C's responsibility under Deputy State Architect Tom Poulton's guidance. Project Manager Bruce Ratekin has transferred back to Team C and will continue to provide project management for ODOT projects.

Lastly, please join us in congratulating Project Coordinator Lana Salyers who retired on Sept. 30. As announced in a previous issue of "SAO eNews," Lana's replacement is Rita Nichols, a former employee of the Ohio Treasurer of State where she served as an accountant. Rita has been working as a project coordinator with SAO since July and has already become an invaluable asset to the office.

To view an updated office directory and organizational chart for the State Architect's Office, go to www.ohio.gov/sao and click on "office directory." We will continue to announce any future staffing changes in upcoming issues of "SAO eNews."

3. Employment Opportunity: Architect Administrator (Deputy State Architect)

The State Architect's Office is seeking applicants for the position of architect administrator to serve as a deputy state architect, reporting to the state architect. The ideal candidate will have substantial experience in all aspects of the profession and will demonstrate superior leadership, communication, technical and interpersonal skills. Candidates must have the ability to consistently produce positive results in managing the design and construction of capital projects at all stages. The successful candidate must be an architect licensed in Ohio.

Additional information is available on the state Web site at www.stateofohiojobs.com. Applicants may apply electronically or submit an application to the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, Office of Employee Services, 30 E. Broad St., Room 4001, Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3414.

4. OAKS releases RFP for capital improvements management system

An RFP (Request for Proposal) for the acquisition of a construction management system for the Capital Improvements Management System (CIMS) project was released on Sept. 21 by the Ohio Office of Information Technology Acquisition Management Office on behalf of the State Architect's Office. This system will replace SAO's current software system and will be interfaced with OAKS (Ohio Administrative Knowledge System). OAKS is a statewide system that will replace the state's current accounting system, human resources system, procurement system and fixed asset system as well as the capital improvements system via the interface with CIMS. When completed, CIMS will be available to all state agencies as well as all state-funded colleges and universities.

CIMS will house all of the data on each construction project, providing access for members of each project team to drawings, meeting minutes, requests for information and change orders as well as contract documents, payments requests, EDGE information and other related documents. Documents will process through the system for approval via workflow, which will allow the members of the project team to track the status of each document.

Stay tuned to "SAO eNews" for additional information about the CIMS project and its release date. For more information about OAKS, go to <http://oaks.ohio.gov/oaks/>.

5. SAO Special Services manager elected 2008 AIA Columbus chapter president

SAO Special Services Manager Lane J. Beougher, AIA, CSI, LEED-AP, was elected to the position of vice president / president-elect of the Columbus Chapter of the American Institute of Architects at its annual meeting on Oct. 19.

Lane will serve as chapter president in the 2008 calendar year. He is currently its treasurer, having previously served as co-chair of the Architectural Awareness Committee, government affairs director, advocacy director and chapter secretary. Lane joined AIA Columbus in August 1985.

6. SAO educates AIA Ohio participants at annual convention

In September, SAO Energy Specialist WeiDong Huang, Special Services Manager Lane Beougher and State Architect Roger Booker presented one-hour seminars on "MasterFormat 2004 for State Projects (and Others Too!)" and "How the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Program Could Impact Your Next State Project" at the American Institute of Architects Ohio Convention in Boardman, Ohio.

In the MasterFormat seminar, Lane Beougher presented the state's requirement to use the new version of the classification system published by the Construction Specifications Institute to 25 to 30 participants.

In the LEED seminar, 50 to 60 participants learned from Lane the basics of the rating systems published by the U.S. Green Building Council, how selected projects being designed and constructed by the state are addressing the rating system and what other rating systems are available. In addition, WeiDong Huang discussed how the SAO Office of Energy Services is working to conserve energy at state facilities and Roger Booker discussed what impact pending legislation may have on the state's construction process.

The keynote speaker for the AIA convention was William McDonough, co-author of "Cradle to Cradle, Remaking the Way We Make Things," and a pioneer in the expanding field of sustainable design.

7. Save the dates for SAO College 2007

Mark your calendars now! New programs and educational topics are planned for SAO College 2007, which will be held Feb. 12 and 13 at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Columbus as part of the Ohio Construction Conference (formerly known as the Ohio Design & Construction Expo).

SAO College began in the spring of 2002 to educate interested parties about the proper design management and construction management of state projects. SAO College is attended annually by more than 200 participants, including state agencies and institutions, architects, engineers, contractors and construction managers from the private sector.

More detailed information will be announced in forthcoming issues of "SAO eNews." Questions should be directed to Angie Carder at 614.752.0448 or via e-mail at angie.carder@das.state.oh.us.

8. Link to the November Ohio Register

The November 2006 issue of the Ohio Register was posted to the SAO Web site on Nov. 1. It can be viewed and printed at www.ohio.gov/sao (click on Ohio Register).

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