

WAQTC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MEETING CALLED BY: MATT STRIZICH, MDT
RECORDER: DESNA BERGOLD

DATE: JANUARY 27 2014
TIME: 1:00 PM MOUNTAIN
LOCATION: TELECONFERENCE

ATTENDEES:

MIKE SANTI, ITD
SCOTT ANDRUS, UDOT
CURT MCQUISTION, UDOT
JEFF SADDLER, UDOT
MICHAEL VOTH, CFLHD
HOWE CROCKETT, WFLHD
GREG STELLMACH, ODOT

ABSENT:

GARTH NEWMAN, QAC
MIKE SAN ANGELO, AKDOT & PF
BRYCE SIMONS, NMDOT
BILL SCHIEBEL, CDOT

AGENDA ITEMS / OBJECTIVES:

1. TCCC Representative

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TOPIC	DISCUSSION / <i>DECISION</i>	
BACKGROUND	<p>The Executive Committee (EC) decided during the October teleconference that Scott Andrus, UDOT, would ask Jeff Saddler, also of UDOT, to represent the WAQTC to the Transportation Curriculum Coordination Council (TCCC). Jeff has agreed and has asked that the EC explain their position so that he may accurately represent the WAQTC. This teleconference was arranged to provide Jeff with this information.</p>	
INSPECTOR TRAINING IN APPLYING MATERIALS TEST RESULTS	<p>Matt Strizich, MDT, feels that there is sufficient training for materials testing. Their need is for training in how to apply the test results during construction inspection. An example would be how to use a ‘proctor’ (laboratory maximum dry density and optimum moisture content) to determine in-place density of soils and soils/aggregates. There is a similar need in applying results of HMA and concrete testing.</p> <p>Scott agrees, although UDOT relies on training provided on the project level they could also benefit from the kind of training program that Matt describes.</p> <p>Mike Voth, CFLHD, asked if the training Matt has in mind is for quality control or quality acceptance. Matt indicated he was referring to acceptance as MDT personnel do not perform quality control testing. He added that there are times when an inspector needs to interpret the results to determine a course of action i.e.: is the proctor used (as the density standard) the correct one (has the material changed etc.)?</p> <p><i>WAQTC would like TCCC to consider developing training for inspectors in applying materials testing and results.</i></p>	
UPCOMING TCCC MEETING	<p>Scott said Jeff hopes he could get some clear idea of how to represent WAQTC at the upcoming TCCC meeting, February 23rd to 26th.</p> <p>Jeff would also like to be able to tell TCCC what WAQTC has been doing and what concerns WAQTC has regarding training. TCCC’s focus has been trying to fill gaps in existing training so Matt’s suggestion is a good start.</p>	
DEVELOPING ‘NEW’ TRAINING	<p>Matt also brought up the issue that WAQTC feels that TCCC is trying to develop training that is not needed. WAQTC is comfortable with the level of training that they have already developed for materials testing and they wonder why TCCC needs to duplicate that effort. TCCC should be focusing on the areas that there is no current training.</p> <p>Scott said that Jeff should explain this position to TCCC: look for and concentrate on filling the holes in training, i.e. Inspector materials acceptance testing, instead of duplicating what is already developed.</p>	

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	<i>WAQTC would like TCCC to concentrate on developing training that is not already covered.</i>	
PWL TRAINING	<p>Scott then asked if there are other potential training areas that WAQTC would be like TCCC to look at.</p> <p>Mike Voth asked if anyone else accepts material using the percent within limits (PWL) method of determining material quality. Matt thought that some training, if only a cursory overview would be beneficial. Scott elaborated that perhaps overall training on PWL: how it is set up, why it is used and interpreting the information. Understanding this tool takes time.</p> <p><i>WAQTC would like TCCC to consider developing training in the 'Percent Within Limits' method of analyzing material quality.</i></p>	
TCCC BACKGROUND	<p>Jeff explained how TCCC develops training; they first try to find existing information and materials that cover the topic they are concerned with and then they create web based training. TCCC tries to generalize the training by removing the state specific information. For example, UDOT is using the TCCC plan reading module and adding state specific information.</p> <p>Scott asked if the group wants Jeff to communicate WAQTC's reluctance to provide WAQTC's training materials with TCCC. Matt explained that if TCCC can get the information elsewhere it would be better. Jeff asked whether WAQTC's concern was that at some later date WAQTC may have to pay to use the materials? Matt said that was one of their concerns also that if the materials were provided then they would no longer belong to the WAQTC, TCCC could copyright them, and control would be relinquished.</p> <p>Jeff explained that TCCC dissects all available training and then compiles generalized training and WAQTC would still have ownership of their version.</p> <p>Matt explained that there are valid arguments to both sides of this issue. WAQTC perhaps may reconsider based on the greater good if necessary.</p>	
TCCC AND AASHTO	<p>Now that TCCC is affiliated with AASHTO there is an even greater concern that AASHTO may eventually feel the need to sell the training to fund their efforts.</p> <p>Jeff says that AASHTO has allowed TCCC's operational procedures to remain as they are right now. They are looking at charging for training in the future but this is only directed at anyone who is not represented i.e. consultants, industry, etc.</p>	

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	<i>WAQTC will not be providing their training materials to TCCC at this time.</i>	
TCCC MEETING TOPICS	<p>Jeff feels that TCCC will ask what WAQTC is doing now so he asks that someone provide him with information concerning this. He will also represent the above training requests to the TCCC.</p> <p>The meeting is not until February so there is time to add training requests.</p> <p><i>Someone needs to provide Jeff with information about TCCC. This was not assigned.</i></p>	
MENTORING MODULE	<p>Jeff asked if anyone has a mentoring program. Matt said that the way they are structured it should happen, senior technicians training new technicians, but the personnel is spread too thin to allow this to work well. Jeff stated that TCCC is looking at developing a mentoring module. He asked if training on how to set up a mentoring program would be of benefit. Scott stated that the training could be useful, but like MDT, UDOT's personnel are spread thin. It's not lack of a program or ability that makes mentoring impractical but that the people are not able to spend the time together.</p>	
TRAINING PREVIEW	<p>Matt asks if there is a way to preview TCCC training from the website. The concrete training is a 10 hour course and although he would like to spend the time to go through it he can't; he would like to be able to review the information.</p> <p>Jeff can provide a link to the training on Adobe Connect that will allow one to review the training and fast forward through the slides. A list of current training courses is available at: http://tccc.gov/webcourse.aspx</p>	
CONTACTING JEFF SADDLER	<p>To request a link to any specific training or if anyone has any other suggestions to make or questions that Jeff could ask TCCC his email is: Jsaddler@utah.gov.</p>	