



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES  
*of Connecticut*

# ACEC/CTDOT Liaison Committee Town Hall Forum

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- Jim Fallon; Assistant Chief Engineer
- Ted Nezames, Engineering Administrator
- John Dunham – Construction Administrator
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# Today's Agenda

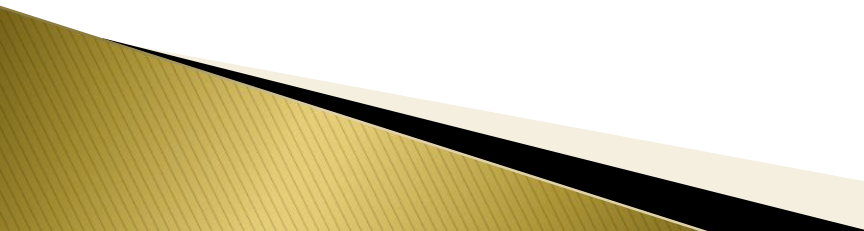
- ❑ Recap from Spring Town Hall Forum
  - ❑ Subcommittee Updates and Progress
  - ❑ CTDOT Survey
  - ❑ Open Forum/Discussion
    - Volume Cap
    - Six-Month Rule
    - Input on other areas
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# Recap from Spring Meeting

- Committed to Bi-monthly Meetings
  - Broaden membership involvement for feedback
  - Multi-level approach to inform and update
    - ACEC/CT Newsletter
    - Membership Dinner Meetings – delayed by Covid-19
    - Periodic Industry Forums – delayed by Covid-19
    - ACEC/CT Updates and Postings
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# Subcommittee Updates & Progress

## *What's been done?*

- ❑ Advanced Authorization Directive (ECD-2020-2)
  - ❑ Enhancements to Negotiations (ECD-2020-3)
  - ❑ Retainage – eliminated effective Jan 2021 on new contracts, Directive forthcoming
  - ❑ Wage Directive – Final stages, Directive forthcoming
  - ❑ Consultant Interviews – virtual, changes in discussion
  - ❑ Invoicing – evaluating system changes
  - ❑ Load Rating Process – improvements in discussion
  - ❑ Funding and revenue – short-term/ long-term
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# Additional Subcommittees

## □ New

- Multiple Service Agreements
- Design– Build
- Consultant Interview

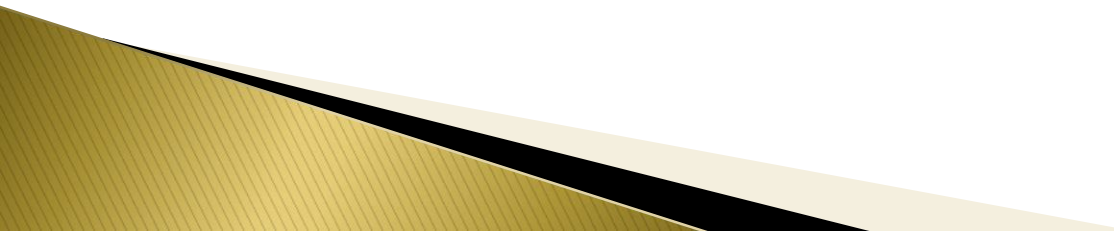
## □ Future

- Construction
- Finance
- Alternate Delivery

# Survey: CTDOT Procurement Volume Cap and Six-Month Rule

- ❑ Approach – develop position for discussion with CTDOT using Town Hall Forum and Survey input
- ❑ Summary/Overview of the Survey
  - Background
  - Responses
  - Observations

# Survey: Observations

- ❑ General resistance to change, keep status quo
  - ❑ Equitable distribution of work desirable
  - ❑ Comments provided deeper insight
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# Survey: Sample Comments

“The selection panel can ask and have regarding availability, capacity and depth of staff, all relative to volume a firm holds. The key element is through out the process Volume and Recent selection is essential to Equality in the distribution of work.”

“They can still consider volume, but let it happen via a dialog or process within the Department's various units, and not via a prescriptive volume cap. The Department's managers know well enough which firms have more work on hand than they can manage—let the process happen like everywhere else.”

“Separate design and CEI work. They are two very distinct entities.”

“The Selection panel should only be concerned with the firms ability to staff a project in the project category through the volume in that category”

“I would suggest it be at the Comr's discretion after the whole process is complete and the rankings are available.”



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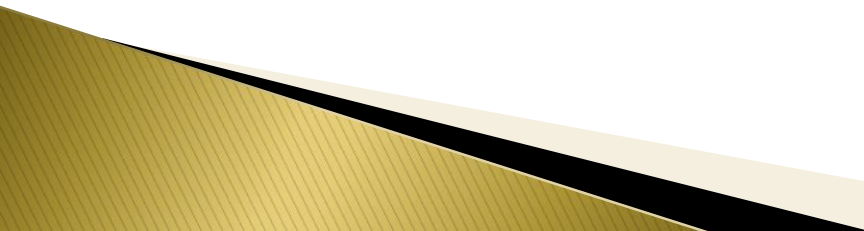
“Change the way the volume cap is calculated so that it is an apple to apples comparison of actual work that a consultant has. Don't eliminate a proposal from shortlist contention based on volume. Choose the best qualified firm for the work. Use the firm's volume of work only as a tiebreaker what two firms tie in points for a pursuit.”

“We agree that volume should be taken into consideration when selecting firms for new contracts.”

“I think the factor should not be at the selection panel level – let them rate the firms”

“Volume should consider disciplines such as CEI, planning, design.”

“Revert back to the intent of the legislation leaving the volume to be a consideration to distribute work. The discretion should be the Commissioner and not the Selection Committee or Consultant Selection Office. The Committee should focus solely on strict adherence to QBS and deciding and ranking the best qualified firm to do the work.”



# Survey: Summary of Feedback


## □ Volume Cap

- Volume should be considered
- Must be consistent w/ QBS rules
- Improve calculation of Volume
- Commissioner level decision

## □ Six-month Rule

- Improvements would be beneficial
- Longer time frame - 12 months
- Create “Buckets” - design, construction, bridge inspection, etc

# Wrap up / Next Steps

- Committee – review input and develop approach on Volume Cap and Six-month Rule
  - Incorporate today's feedback
  - Implement new Committees
    - Construction
    - Finance
    - Invoices
    - Alternate Delivery
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# Town Hall Forum/Discussion

**Q & A / Discussion**



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