

WDBC Producing Progressive Design-Build Model Water Infrastructure Procurement Documents

The Water Design-Build Council is developing a set of model procurement documents for the progressive design-build project delivery approach. The goal of this initiative is to give public officials and decision-makers a user-friendly guide about the steps involved in the progressive design-build procurement process.

WDBC has long realized the industry's need for materials specifically directed to effectively and efficiently procuring and selecting qualified contractors for progressive design-build projects. As a result, these materials concentrate on the use of four different types of procurements: one- step RFP that is qualifications based with a Fee and Rate Proposal one-step RFQ that is qualifications based; two-step RFQ and RFP with a Fee and Rate Proposal, and a two-step RFQ and RFP based solely on qualifications.

This project, scheduled to be completed in December 2012, compliments the 2nd Edition of the WDBC Handbook, a valuable education resource. Following a December release, all documents will be posted on the WDBC web site for downloading at no cost, and made available on CDs at conferences, workshops and other planned events beginning 2013. Through these educational materials, WDBC strives to dispel the confusion that exists around terminology and best practices, and overall create a more balanced industry approach for the progressive design-build procurement and selection process.