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The Engineers Joint Contract Documents Committee Releases New Design-Build Teaming Agreement

ALEXANDRIA, Va., January 7, 2015—The Engineers Joint Contract Documents Committee (EJCDC®) today released *EJCDC® D-580*, *Teaming Agreement to Pursue Joint Business Opportunity for Design-Build Project*, a new contract document for use by design-build firms that wish to work with an engineering firm to pursue a design-build opportunity. The design-build and engineering firms commit to a design services agreement if the proposal is successful.

EJCDC published the new D-580 agreement recognizing that, in many cases, working together as a team will substantially increase and enhance the likelihood of being selected to provide design-build services. The new EJCDC® D-580 Teaming Agreement to Pursue Joint Business Opportunity for Design-Build Project provides the basic structure for combining forces to prepare and submit proposals to provide professional design-build services, and addresses important risk and cost allocation issues.

D-580 sets forth the Team Goal of the design-builder winning, accepting, and formally entering into the design-build contract, and then entering into a design contract with its engineering teammate. If the Design-Build Team is successful in reaching the Team Goal, then D-580 seamlessly meshes with EJCDC® D-505, *Subagreement between Design-Builder and Engineer for Professional Services*, as the controlling professional services subagreement.

Since 1975, EJCDC has developed and updated fair and objective standard documents that represent the latest and best thinking in contractual relations between all parties involved in engineering design and construction projects.

EJCDC® documents are specifically written for public and private infrastructure and engineered facilities projects in the United States. The documents can readily be customized to suit each project's unique goals and regulatory requirements.

The Engineers Joint Contract Documents Committee (EJCDC[®]) is a joint venture of major organizations of professional engineers and contractors:

- the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE);
- the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE); and
- the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC).

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