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**The Engineers Joint Contract Documents Committee
Releases the 2019 edition of the
*EJCDC® Procurement Family of Documents.***

ALEXANDRIA, Va., June 14, 2019— The Engineers Joint Contract Documents Committee (EJCDC®) today released the 2019 edition of the *EJCDC® Procurement Family of Documents*. EJCDC documents are the first choice, and most user friendly, among standard documents for infrastructure and public works construction in the United States.

The *EJCDC® Procurement Family of Documents* (P-Series) is intended for use when a project owner, as Buyer, purchases engineered materials or equipment directly from a Seller, for use on an engineer-designed project. The 2019 P-Series Documents are well-suited to a wide variety of purchase transactions, especially those where the materials or equipment are of a complex or critical nature.

The term “Procurement” as used by EJCDC refers to the purchase of Goods (typically equipment or systems that will be installed in a facility, or in some cases construction materials) and related Special Services. In most cases the Owner/Buyer will initiate such a purchase in the early stages of a project, before the overall design is complete and before the owner has selected and brought a construction contractor under contract. The Seller will be either a manufacturer or a vendor/supplier. The documents assume that the Buyer (or more commonly a construction contractor working for the Buyer) will receive, unload, perhaps store, and later install the Goods furnished by the Seller under the Procurement Contract.

The EJCDC 2019 P-Series of documents provides the user with forms and documents for obtaining bids from prospective Sellers, and for establishing the procurement contract itself. These documents give project owners a viable alternative to accepting purchase orders, purchase acceptance forms, and purchase contract terms and conditions drafted by manufacturers and suppliers.

EJCDC has drafted the 2019 P-Series Documents with clear, fair, complete, and detailed provisions governing the rights, responsibilities, and procedures for procurement contracts for engineered equipment and materials.

The 2019 EJCDC Procurement Series is the successor to the prior edition published in 2010. The new series improves the clarity, content, and risk allocations of core documents such as *EJCDC® P-700, Standard General Conditions of the Procurement Contract*, and *EJCDC® P-520, Agreement between Buyer and Seller for Procurement Contract*.

The ten documents in the 2019 P-Series include Instructions to Project Owners and Bidders, Bid Form, Buyer Seller Agreement, Performance Bond, Payment Bond, General Conditions, Supplementary Conditions. The 2019 edition features two new documents: Acknowledgment of Receipt of Goods and Notice of Conformity of Goods.

The new document, *EJCDC® P-625, Buyer's Acknowledgment of Receipt of Goods (2019)*, is used to formally notify the Seller that the Goods have been received at the designated delivery location (point of destination), in apparently compliant quantities and condition. The Buyer's Acknowledgment form provides the Buyer with a means to acknowledge the receipt of the Goods, and also confirm the limitations of that acknowledgment. The form is closely coordinated with the related provisions of P-700.

The new document, *EJCDC® P-626, Buyer's Notice Regarding Conformity of Goods and Special Services (2019)*, is used to notify the Seller that the Goods and Special Services have been inspected and found either to conform or not to conform with the requirements of the procurement contract. When the Goods and Special Services conform to the Procurement Contract Documents, and Notice of Conformity is issued using P-626, then the Seller is eligible for final payment.

Since 1975, EJCDC has developed and updated fair and objective standard documents that represent the latest and best thinking in contractual relations for engineering design and construction projects. EJCDC documents are prepared by a committee of project stakeholders that include owners, contractors, funding entities, attorneys, professional liability insurers, and sureties. EJCDC documents represent and distribute risk fairly and equitably among all parties to engineer-led construction projects.

EJCDC documents are specifically written for public and private infrastructure and engineered facilities projects in the United States. Downloaded in MSWord format, EJCDC documents are easily modified to conform to the unique goals and regulatory requirements of each project.

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

- 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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