

# Florida Concrete Masonry Education Council Conference Call Meeting

## Wednesday, August 19, 2015

### Meeting Minutes

**Convening of Meeting (conference call) and Call to Order** – Chairman Maschmeyer called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. and established there was a quorum.

#### Roll Call –

Council Members Present	Others Present
Bernardo Dias, Central Concrete Supermix, Inc.	Lisa Pelham, A-1 Block/ MAF/MEF
Kelly Curtis, Prestige Concrete Products	Michele Stropoli, FICAP
Justin Lord, Central Broward Construction	David Pfeffer, Titan/MAF
Troy Maschmeyer, Maschmeyer Concrete Company of Florida, Inc.	Mike, Murtha, Florida Concrete & Products Assoc.
Monica Manolas, Cemex	Al Herndon, Florida Masonry Apprenticeship and Education Foundation
Robert Carlton, Carlton-Walker Masonry	Angela Pate, Focused Management Solutions, Inc.
Antonio Obregon, Formrite Construction LLC	Millard Pate, Focused Management Solutions, Inc.
Preston Sparkman, Quality Precast, Inc.	Matt Sitter, Florida Concrete & Products Assoc.
Adam Freeman, A-1 Block Corporation	<b>Staff Present</b>
Richard Edwards, Argos US	James Finch, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
<b>Council Members Absent</b>	Brandie Tapscott, Tapscott Accounting
Randy Dunlap, Titan America LLC	Jim Painter, Executive Director

**Review of Anti-Trust Guidelines** – Chair Maschmeyer reviewed and read the policy to the attendees.

**Review of June 26<sup>th</sup> Minutes** – Monica Manolas made a motion to approve minutes from the June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. Antonio Obregon seconded the motion.

*The Council unanimously adopted the motion.*

#### New Business –

**1. Admin Support** – Jim Painter explained that there was only one response to the Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) for administrative services. That response was submitted by Focused Management Solutions, Inc. (FMS). Jim introduced Millard and Angela Pate of FMS. He explained the details of making the ITN available to the public for responses. Discussion followed. Monica Manolas made a motion to have Rick Edwards and Jim Painter move forward with negotiations with FMS for

administrative services and extend the ITN deadline to allow additional companies to submit proposals. Justin Lord seconded the motion.

*The Council unanimously adopted the motion.*

**2. Review of MAF/MEF Services to the Industry** – Jim Painter introduced Al Herndon, Florida Masonry Apprenticeship and Education Foundation. Al Herndon explained to the committee the services of MAF/MEF to the industry. Chairman Maschmeyer thanked Al Herndon for all his efforts and accomplishments.

**3. Finance Committee Report** – Rick Edwards updated the Council on the FCMEC finances highlighting that fee collections were \$420,000 from eleven companies. The fee collections were more than originally projected for the quarter. The bank account balance was \$347,000. Discussion followed. Jim Painter informed the Council that the Finance Committee has two vacancies on the committee. Chairman Maschmeyer asked Robert Calton and Bernardo Dias to join the finance committee, and they agreed.

**Old Business –**

1. **501 (c) 3 Application Status** – Jim Painter informed the council that the application is still being processed. He also informed the council that the approval process could take up to two months. Due to the application still being processed, FCMEC had to file for an extension on the tax return for 2014.

2. **Executive Director Report** - Jim Painter explained that he drafted a Government Accountability letter to the governor and other agencies. He also explained that he's been traveling to different agencies talking about participation and promoting the organization.

**Public Comment** – Monica Manolas informed the council that they are wrapping up the contract negotiations with Jim Painter. They are working on the bonus structure and need clarification of goals for bonus structure. She suggests that Jim Painter propose the goals to Monica and the council. Jim agreed.

Monica Manolas also asked if the contract had to be approved by the council once signed. Chairman Maschmeyer stated that it didn't as long as it was within the guidelines set by the council.

No other public comments.

**Next Meeting Date** – The date of the next meeting is September 15, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

**Adjournment** – Chairman Maschmeyer adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.