

CEI Contracts Procurement and Management

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Definition of CEI



CEI = Construction Engineering and Inspection

Engineering and quality assurance oversight during the construction phase of a project: monitoring and verifying that construction is in accordance with the plans and providing **Engineer Led Inspection Teams** to perform various services.



Typical work categories in a CEI contract



1.8.1	Public Involvement				
11.1.1	Roadway Construction Management And Inspection				
11.2.1	Bridge Construction Management And Inspection				
11.3.1	Construction Superintendent				
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12.1.5	Portland Cement Concrete Placement				
12.1.6	Embankment/Subgrade/Backfill/Base Production				
12.1.7	Embankment/Subgrade/Backfill/Base Placement				
12.2.1	Concrete Plant Inspection And Testing				
12.2.5	Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) Plant Inspection and Testing				
14.1.1	Soil Exploration				
14.2.1	Geotechnical Testing				
15.2.1	Design Survey				
15.2.2	Construction Survey				
18.2.1	Subsurface Utility Engineering (Utility Eng. Investigation)				
18.5.1	Utility Construction Management and Verification				

Public Involvement Construction Management Materials Inspection and Testing Geotechnical Services

Surveying

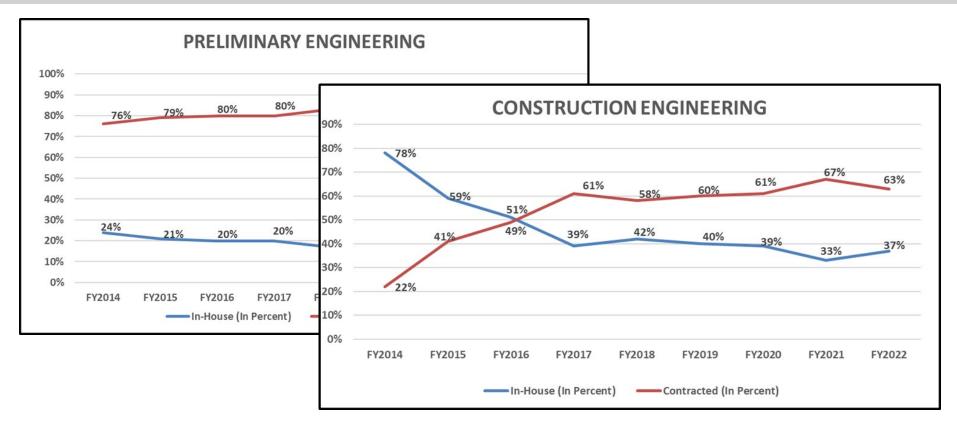
Utility Engineering

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FHWA Stewardship Report on Outsourced Engineering



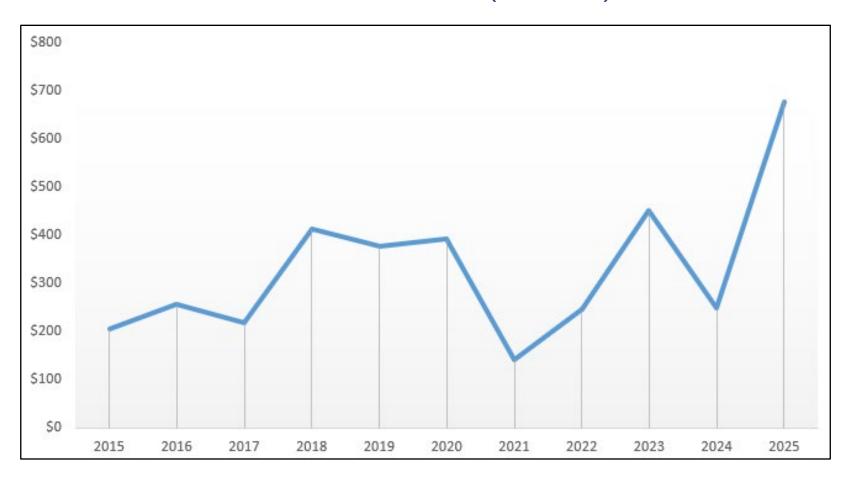


Annual Procurement Plan

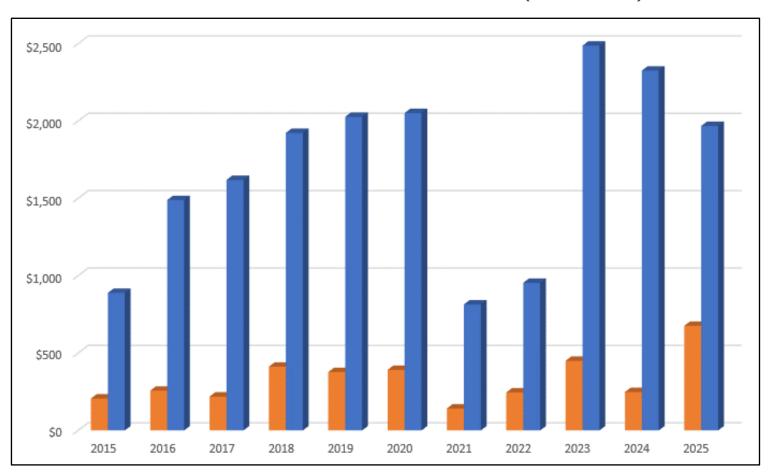
FY	CEI Procurements		All Procurements	
	Contracts	Estimated Value (Million)	Contracts	Estimated Value (Million)
2015	43	\$206	253	\$889
2016	57	\$257	415	\$1,489
2017	31	\$219	350	\$1,619
2018	50	\$412	335	\$1,923
2019	46	\$377	348	\$2,027
2020	41	\$391	336	\$2,051
2021	15	\$142	140	\$814
2022	20	\$245	93	\$954
2023	44	\$450	309	\$2,487
2024	29	\$248*	308	\$2,326*
2025	40	\$676*	251	\$1,968*

^{*} Approximate or projected value (incomplete fiscal year)

CEI Procurements (Millions)



CEI versus Total Procurements (Millions)



Changes in Procurement Process

Procuring CEI Contracts



Prior to 2019

- Federal Management contract
- Federal Selection Process with Interviews
- FHWA reviewed all scopes

2019 to 2023

- Federal Management contract
- Federal Selection Process with Interviews
- No FHWA review

July 2023

- No longer considered Federal Management contracts
- Federal Selection Process with or without Interviews
- Interviews required for ID contracts > \$10 Million

November 2023

- ID: State funding, Non-Federal Selection Process (HUB goal)
- SD: Federal funding, Federal Selection Process (DBE goal)
- Interviews for ID contracts > \$10 Million, SD contracts > \$5 million



Scope Template Update: A Joint Effort for Improvement





Joint Workgroup

- Composed of TxDOT and ACEC members
- Cooperative effort by subject matter experts



Purpose of Changes

- Reduce overhead costs
- Potentially limit liability, where possible on CEI contracts



Result

- Revised scope language was agreed to by all
- Concerns from General Counsel and Contract Services Divisions were addressed

Scope Template Update: A Joint Effort for Improvement

Significant Change:

Section 1.4 Legal Relations and Responsibilities Was revised to include the following statement:

"As a representative of TxDOT, the Engineer shall notify the State and the contractor of the contractor's failure to comply with the construction plans, standard specifications, special specifications, and special provisions. The Engineer is obligated to notify the State and contractor of compliance issues. The Engineer does not have the authority to direct the contractor's operations."

Scope Template Update: A Joint Effort for Improvement





December 2022

Piloted updated CEI scope in FY 23, Wave 2

March 2023 – Reorganized scope to:

- Place General Requirements section at the top and renumber it to 1.1 through 1.15
- Place Contract Administration section after General Requirements and renumber to 2.1 through 2.7
- Renumber Legal Relations & Responsibilities from 1.4 to 2.4

Scope Template Update: FC 135



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Scope Template Update: FC 135

The change is occurring distinguish between ROW and Utility Engineering

- FC 130 ROW Survey
- FC 135 ROW Utility Activities

This change will allow for better financial allocation and analysis of Utility Engineering Investigation services being performed in each contract discipline by assigning the new function code





CEI Best Practices: Management Style



The consultant selected will provide a scope of services that incorporates every aspect of project management, including, but not limited to project management, inspection, record keeping, schedule review, materials testing, and engineering support.

The consultant selected will provide a scope of services that works under TxDOT project staff. TxDOT assigns an internal PM and Chief Inspector to manage the CEI staff.

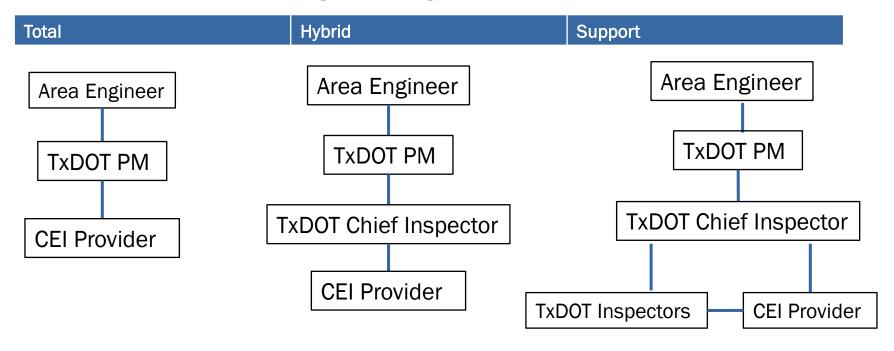
The consultant selected will provide a limited scope of services, generally for field engineering and inspection only to support and supplement TxDOT project staff.

CEI Best Practices: Management Style



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Make sure you chose the right management style



CEI Best Practices: Communication





The PS&E team should meet with the Area/Office

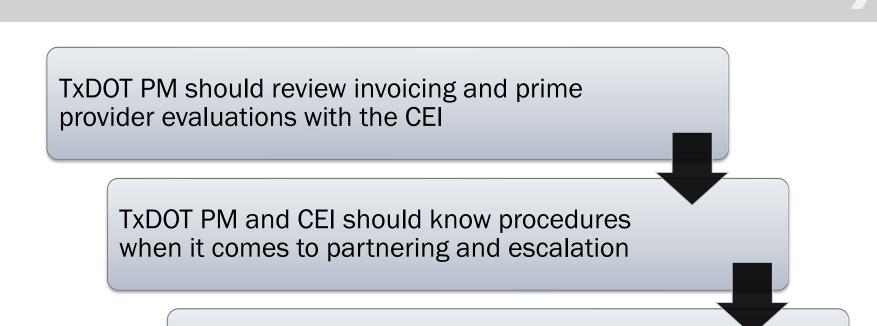
- Will the PS&E TxDOT PM remain in charge of construction phase services on the contract or WA?
- Will the TxDOT Construction PM take over the services?



Establish Roles and Responsibilities

- Establish a communication plan to filter correspondences and Request for Information (RFI)
- Who will be taking the lead on managing the correspondence?
- Who will approve and review shop drawing and RFIs?

CEI Best Practices: Communication



TxDOT PM and CEI should also know the procedures for Errors and Omissions

Questions and Discussion



End the streak of daily deaths on Texas roadways.

TxDOT.gov (Keyword: #EndTheStreakTX)





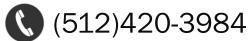
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