

2005 Cost Estimating TAG Minutes November 7, 2005

Members in Attendance: Jennie Carlson, Mike Fowler, John Miller, Mike Jenkins, Paul Herring.
New member: John Riedl, Oregon Dept. of Transportation.

Reviewed mission statement and short and long range goals.

Mission Statement: To provide a forum for users of Trns*port estimation products, to discuss maintenance issues and proposed enhancements, make software recommendations to the user group general body, and Trns*port Task Force.

Short range goal: Encourage users to post problems and/or solutions on the listserve as a means of sharing all available information regarding the implementation of CES and Estimator and their use.

Long range goals:

- Promote the use of AASHTO/Trns*port estimating software.
- Maintain existing estimating software and keep current with technology.
- Education of the AASHTO community as to:
 - Available products and their use.
 - How to use available products
 - Support implementation of existing software.

NGT presentation (Roger Bierbaum)

Discussion of NGT roadmap - why is CES last?

Tracer - timing - phase 1 available shortly, Phase 2 - incorporation with InfoTech

Debbie Wood, elected CE TAG Asst. Coordinator was unable to attend this year, Mike Jenkins volunteered to take her place.

Ballot item review:

The CE TAG endorses TMR 8878, 8879 (CE TAG recommends moving TMR to general as it is multi-module, submitting state said after meeting it is a priority for them in CES and would like to leave it as is.), and 8680 (add comment to allow item by item override, add CES as additional module, this could be something for NGT), 8684, and 8882. Discussed 7221, the CE TAG endorsed it in 2004, and would like to recommend to other states to put some vote points on this item.

On ballot (not the alignment sheet), bid-based estimate header should include CES.

Proposed Enhancement:

Add fed/state project number to Estimator. (Cost Estimation Ballot category, Cost-based and Bid-based subcategories.)

Add the fed/state project number (PROJECT.PJPRJNUM) to the estimate. Modify the report to cover sheet to include the value. Modify the imports/exports of Estimator, CES, and PES to transfer the column.