

# Contractor/Owner Collaboration on ABC Programs Workshop

Thursday, September 30, 2021

7:00 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Central

Kiewit University – 1450 Mike Fahey St, Omaha, Nebraska

## Agenda

### Workshop Objective:

The objective of this Midwest/Great Plains regional workshop, to be held in Omaha, Nebraska, is to understand the reasons and purpose surrounding the paradigm shift in State decision making for implementing accelerated bridge construction as common practice in bridge project delivery and to assist contractors and suppliers in partnering in this effort. It focuses on explaining the need for ABC and developing a path forward to support contractor buy-in.

### Background:

Between August and October of 2019, an interview survey was conducted by Atorod Azizinamini, ABC-UTC Director, with more than 30 State Bridge Engineers. Each State was interviewed for about one hour, asking them the topics that need to be researched or issues that would help to further advance ABC. Survey results indicated that the number one issue for States to promote ABC is the buy-in of contractors.

**Moderator:** Mary Lou Ralls Newman, ABC-UTC Director of Technology Transfer

7:00 a.m.	<i>Breakfast (provided)</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Welcome and Opening Remarks	John Selmer, NDOT Director Joe Werning, FHWA NE Div. Adm. Carmen Swanwick, AASHTO COBS Atorod Azizinamini, ABC-UTC
8:30 a.m.	Workshop Objective & ABC Technologies Review	Mary Lou Ralls Newman, ABC-UTC
8:40 a.m.	Overview of Kiewit Projects in Region	Walter Eggers and Jim Thomsen, Kiewit
8:50 a.m.	A Rural State's Perspective on How to Implement ABC	Kristin Higgins, State Bridge Engineer, Vermont AOT
9:10 a.m.	A State DOT's Decision-Making Process	Tim Fields, State Bridge Engineer, Connecticut DOT
9:30 a.m.	<i>Break</i>	

9:50 a.m.	A Contractor's Perspective on ABC	Bill Duguay, Contractor
10:10 a.m.	Presentations by three (3) Midwest/Great Plains Prime Contractors/State DOTs, answering the questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why is ABC important for their State?</li> <li>• What are the driving factors for ABC decisions?</li> <li>• What are the goals of their ABC program?</li> <li>• What types of ABC projects are planned?</li> </ul> (including scope, approach, and processes used in their ABC programs)	Iowa – Ahmad Abu-Hawash, Iowa DOT Nebraska – Mark Traynowicz, NDOT Dale Burkhead, Simon Contractors Missouri – Bryan Hartnagel, MoDOT Jesse Hinton & Jeremy Bexton, Emery Sapp & Sons  (20 minutes each)
11 :10am	Recommended Approach to Contractor Collaboration for ABC at the Program Level and the Project Level	Mike Culmo, CHA Consulting
11:30 a.m.	<i>Break &amp; Lunch (provided)</i>	
11:45 a.m.	Open Forum	Participants
	Next Steps	Participants
1:15 p.m.	Wrap-up & Adjourn	Atorod Azizinamini