

TPF-5(194) – AASHTO Drainage Manual

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Quarterly Report

Consultant Selection

At the AASHTO Technical Committee meeting in Baltimore, MA, the committee discussed possible consultants who could complete the manual's revision project. Several firms were mentioned, including Jorgensen Associates, who completed the previous version of the manual. At the meeting, Jorge Pagan, committee secretary, was asked to contact Phil Thompson, former committee secretary, who works for Jorgensen Associates, to assess the firm interest in completing the project.

The committee investigated other firms for completing the manual revision. The chair, Michael Fazio, met with Ken Sherin, senior manager of Jorgensen and associates. Jorge Pagan, Phil Thompson and ... were also at the meeting. At the meeting, Michael and Jorge explained the scope of the project, requesting Ken Sherin to provide an uncommitted proposal.

After proving the proposal details, the committee unanimously decided to hire Jorgesen Associates to complete the manual revision.

Utah, lead state for the pooled fund study entered in an agreement with AASHTO to provide all funds collected from committed states.

AASHTO contracted with Jorgensen Associates to complete the first phase of the work. The first phase requires the consultant to verify all the work performed by the technical committee on each chapter and prepare a scope and budget for completing manual's revisions.

Jorgensen Associate is currently working on the manual and will be reporting at the technical committee fall meeting at Indianapolis, IN.