

CPARB – Education Connections Committee (ECC)

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Committee Members: Curt Gimmestad – Chair (General Contractors), Linneth Riley Hall (Transit), Olivia Yang (Higher Ed), Robynne Thaxton (Private Industry), Josh Klika (MRSC), Curtis Bennet (OMWBE), Janet Jansen (State), Brian Aske (DBIA), Vacant Position – MWBE, Vacant Position (Trades/Labor)

Mission Statement: To connect the design and construction community with education opportunities, including alternative public works contracting, to enhance industry knowledge, quality and efficiency towards successful outcomes.

Committee Intent Summary: The ECC has been meeting since February. Much conversation in the first couple meeting was about the mission and what the committee’s purpose and intent should be; at least to get started. The breadth of thought and focus could expand as we got education connection opportunities identified and posted. As a whole, the committee is working to identify these education opportunities within the design and construction community and connect our partners to those opportunities. The connection would be through a training resource portal that include identified entities that provide a variety of training. The connection/portal is being worked on by Talia. More information for the committee to work through, potentially at our September or October meeting.

Committee Work Summary: The committee’s primary focus has been compiling an inventory of available resource entities and their training subject matter; see attached. This will become the basis of connection with some more detail of “subjects” provided. Example: AGC: BIM, LEAN, SAFETY, SUPERVISORY, PROJECT MANAGEMENT etc. As we develop this list, we will be evaluating the resource “subjects” to understand what may be missing and what other recourses we believe needs to be provided and applicable to CPARB’s interest.

There has been committee structure conversations taking place over several meetings ensuring a good foundation to work. This includes the following:

- Identifying a chair
- Roles / Responsibilities
- Looking to fill the last two vacancies
- Proxy authority
- Working through our quorum scenario with two vacancies, this has been resolved by the committee. The two vacancies will not count towards a quorum until such time they are filled.

The following are topics of conversation that has been shaping the material to date and/or subject matter we may need to fall back on:

- Provide the resource links but not trying to maintain training calendars of those resources.
- Prime Contractor resources of training; future review/discussion
- Cost of training and small business expense challenge; future review/discussion
- Interaction with other CPARB committee for potential shared info, or to ensure no duplication of efforts. This has started and will continue over the next couple of months.
- How do we notify of the resources compiled to the design/construction community

- Capturing “Best Practices” material as a resource: Design Build, GC/CM as examples
- Owner readiness and information/expectations on PRC applications/presentations; future review/discussion.
- Ensuring resources identified are not all or membership driven to take the class
- Alternative Public Work Contracting Lessons Learned; future review/discussion

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Agency Training Overview for the CPARB & PRC websites.

Disclaimer:

Below is a list of industry organizations and links to their training resources. This list is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of organizations or of the available training. It is provided solely for the convenience of the public, and individuals are encouraged to do their own research regarding the availability and quality of the educational offerings. Inclusion on this list is not an endorsement by CPARB of any of the organizations or courses.

Current List:

[AGC Education Foundation WA](#)

The AGC Education Foundation supports life-long learning for the construction industry through a broad range of year-round classes offered in a variety of settings and taught by qualified construction professionals.

- [AGC America](#) is nationwide
- [AGC Inland Northwest](#) covers eastern WA from the Spokane area

[DBIA Northwest Region](#)

Covers Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Alaska with 3 chapters in WA and one in OR. They provide educational offerings specific to WA beyond National DBIA.

[DBIA National Course Calendar](#)

DBIA National offers a variety of courses on how to do Design-Build correctly that goes beyond the DBIA Certification process. Please check out the calendar for courses on Progressive Design-Build and other aspects of Design-Build as well as Design-Build Best Practices.

- [DBIA Best Practices](#)
- [DBIA Certification Application](#)

[OMWBE Upcoming Events Calendar](#)

OMWBE has a calendar which includes training and networking events that are sent to them by state and government agencies, prime contractors and small business support organizations to help in their outreach efforts to minority and women-owned businesses.

Some helpful links in addition to the above calendar:

- [Small Business Assistance](#)
- [Linked Deposit Loan Program](#)
- [Newsletters](#)

[Municipal Research & Services Center \(MRSC\) Training Calendar](#)

MRSC and PTAC are partnering to provide a series of in-person regional forums across the state. These unique events will convene local government public works staff seeking to refresh their public works programs and create more meaningful engagement with the contracting community, as well as contractors seeking to break into or expand their presence in public works contracting.

[Procurement Technical Assistance Center \(PTAC\) - Public Works Training](#)

Washington Procurement Technical Assistance Center, Government Contracting Assistance for Washington Firms. Also known as APEX Accelerator, assists businesses through the government-

contracting marketplace. They provide no cost, confidential, one-on-one technical assistance in all aspects of selling to federal, state, and local governments.

Mechanical Contractors Association of Western Washington (MCAWW)

MCA of Western Washington offers a wide variety of training opportunities for all levels and departments of our members' firms. The instructor pool is comprised of industry subject matter experts as well as national facilitators.

American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC)

ACEC of Washington is a member-led association dedicated to the betterment of the business of engineering. This is accomplished by focusing on three primary areas: Education and Networking, Advocacy, and Member Benefit Programs.

Newest possible additions:

American Public Works Association (APWA)

The American Public Works Association is an international educational and professional association of public agencies, private sector companies, and individuals dedicated to providing high quality public works goods and services. APWA provides a forum in which public works professionals can exchange ideas, improve professional competency, increase the performance of their agencies and companies, and bring important public works-related topics to public attention in local, state and federal arenas. These forums are established by providing Conferences, Webinars, Mentorship, and Workshops on Asset Management, Contract Administration & Education Certification, Management & Public Administration, and Northwest PW Institute for Leaders and Managers.

- **APWA - Washington**

Lean Construction Institute

LCI's Lean topics cover Lean construction concepts, methods, tools, and much more. Each topic includes additional resources allowing you to further your Lean design and construction journey – one topic at a time. Everyday, busy design and construction practitioners advance their Lean journey, deepen understanding using LCI learning opportunities.

Construction Management Association of America (CMAA)

The Construction Management Association of America is an industry association dedicated to the practice of professional construction management. CMAA represents federal/state/local government and private sector owners, construction consultants, technology suppliers, academia, and legal organizations all with a common goal: to improve our nation's infrastructure. CMAA offers opportunities for construction managers who are preparing for the CMIT, CACM, and CCM exams, as well as those looking to maintain their current credentials or who would like to keep their construction management skills sharp.