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Association update: Design-build projects increasingly common

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The trend toward using design-build as a project-delivery method continues to increase both regionally and nationally. In 2002, Minnesota approved design-build legislation, allowing public entities to pursue value through design-build contracts. Since then, the use of design-build contracts has steadily shifted upward as cities, counties and state government bodies continue to gain approval for increasing the percentage of projects that they can do using the method.

These public entities, as well as private sector owners, recognize the benefits that having a single-source contract for both the design and construction of their project: improved cost control, condensed scheduling, minimized change orders and ease of contract management.

The evidence of this increase is seen with a look around town for a few examples of design-build projects currently in process.

The Minneapolis Public School District recently awarded to Mortenson Development a contract for the new District Center Headquarters on West Broadway in north Minneapolis. Mortenson is planning a design-build method of delivery for the \$20 million facility, projected to break ground in early 2011. Design-build was selected for this job because of the cost-control benefits and ease of contract management.

Ramsey County is in the middle of a design-build project for their new East Metro Behavioral Health Crisis Center, which will be located at University Avenue and Olive Street in St. Paul. Ramsey is the first county in Minnesota to utilize a design-build approach for project delivery. Construction for the \$8.5 million project will start in September.

The contract for this building is held by McGough, which has teamed with the Wold Architects for the design. Ramsey County has utilized design-build based contracts for all of its major projects since 2003 because of the benefit of an early cost guarantee, elimination of change orders and project schedules that are consistently met or exceeded using this delivery method.

Sydney Hall, a privately owned, mixed apartment/retail development, is currently in construction and scheduled to open this August. The \$15.5 million, five-story project that includes 125 apartment units is located in the Dinkytown area of the University of Minnesota campus. Doran is the private-sector contractor and developer.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) utilizes design-build in many of its projects. An integrated-team approach and the opportunity for compressed scheduling are just two of the many reasons the department likes design-build.

Currently, MnDOT is in the midst of the TH 610 Improvement project. C.S. McCrossan is the design-builder for this \$48 million project, which is scheduled for completion in July 2011. MnDOT is also in the process of procuring a design-builder for the \$120 million Hastings Bridge Replacement project. A contract is not in place yet, but the apparent winner is Lunda Construction Company and Ames Construction as a joint venture. Construction is expected to start this fall.

The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority (RCRRA) is in the middle of the high-profile, \$145 million Union Depot project, which will transform the former train depot into a multi-modal transit center. Mortenson has been awarded the contract for the project. In turn, they have awarded HGA Architects and Engineers the contract for the design of the station and URS the transportation-engineering contract. The construction schedule is aggressive, with groundbreaking planned for late 2010 and an opening targeted for fall 2012. A design-build methodology was selected for this project because it is best way to deliver the project within the aggressive schedule parameters.

Looking beyond the Twin Cities, Minneapolis firm Horty Elving is working on a project in Enderlin, N.D. This project is Mary Hill Manor, a \$2.5 addition and remodeling to a long term health care facility. Horty Elving is both the designer and the builder, utilizing its in-house expertise for both. The not-for-profit owner elected to do this project design-build based on a recommendation from a neighboring facility administrator who had just completed his latest project design-build and had a high level of satisfaction with the process and results.

If you are interested in finding out more about design-build, the DBIA-Upper Midwest Region invites you for a presentation and tour of the Union Depot rehabilitation project at 4 p.m. July 21. More information about the tour and registration information can be found at www.dbia-um.org or by contacting the DBIA-UMR office at 952-928-7471.

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