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Resources on Connect

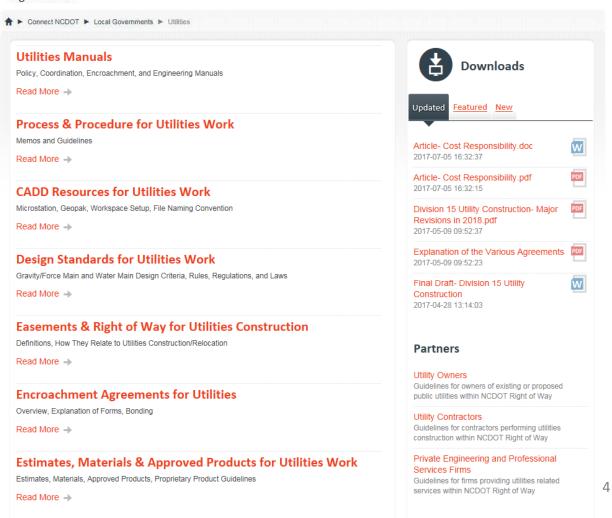
- Publicly accessible (Business Partners)
- More planned content
- Report outdated or incorrect info
- Suggest helpful content
- Quick tour <u>https://connect.ncdot.gov/municipalities/Utilities/Pages/default.aspx</u>

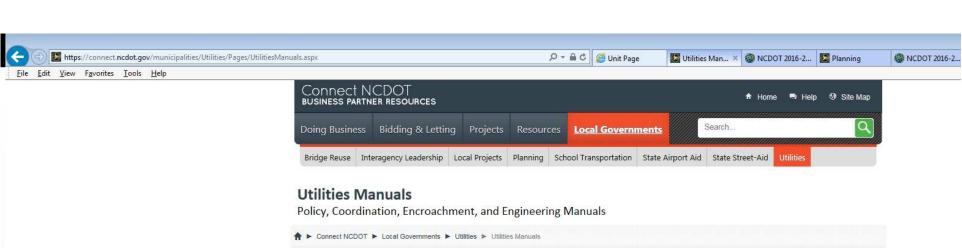




Utilities Information

Relocation and accommodation resources for municipalities and organizations

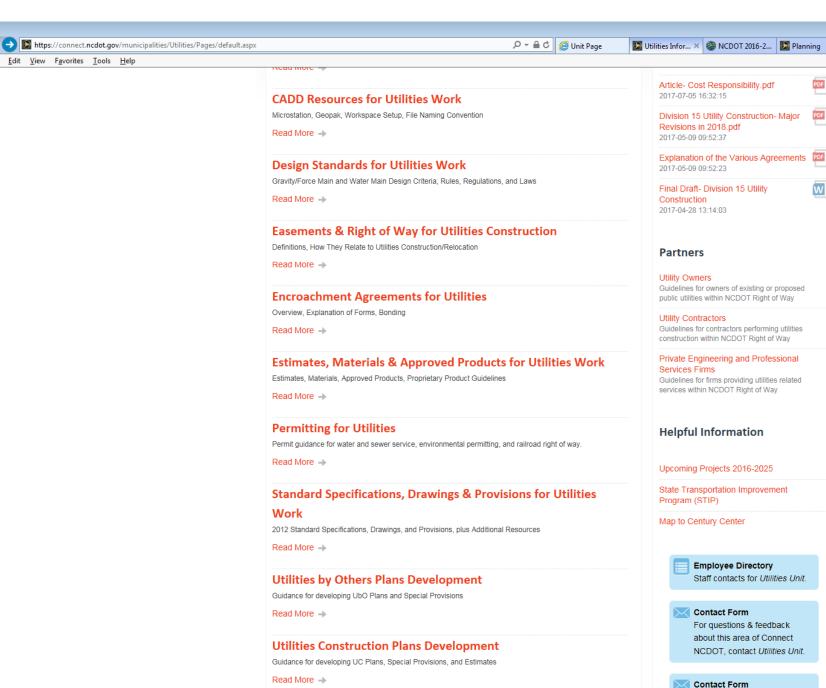








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Utility Agreements

Use and Occupancy Agreement, Utility Relocation Agreement

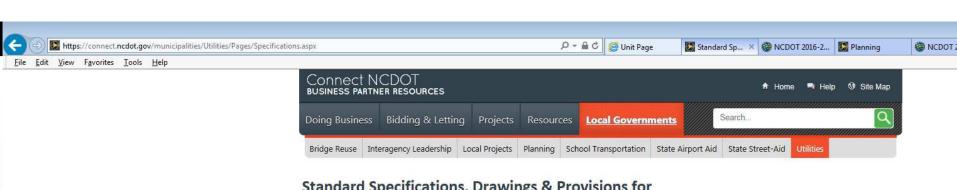
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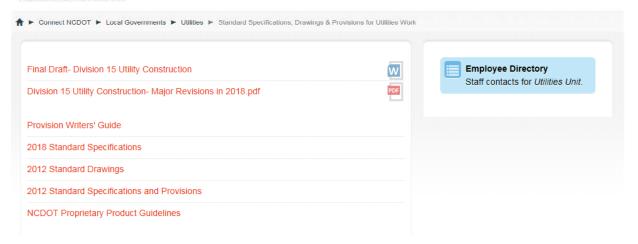
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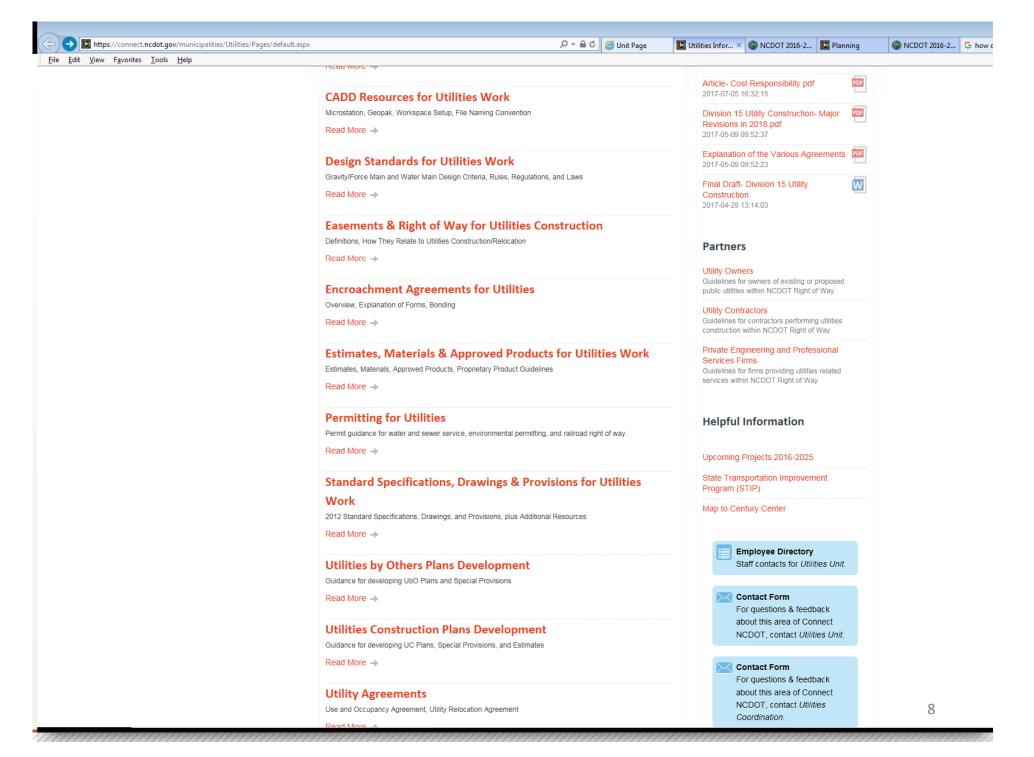
Standard Specifications, Drawings & Provisions for Utilities Work

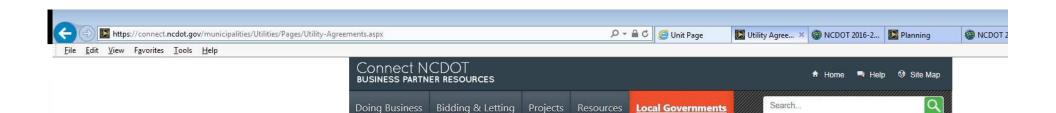
2012 Standard Specifications, Drawings, and Provisions, plus Additional Resources





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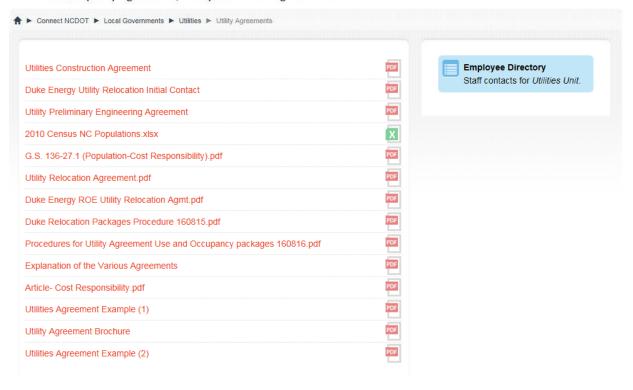




Bridge Reuse Interagency Leadership Local Projects Planning School Transportation State Airport Aid State Street-Aid

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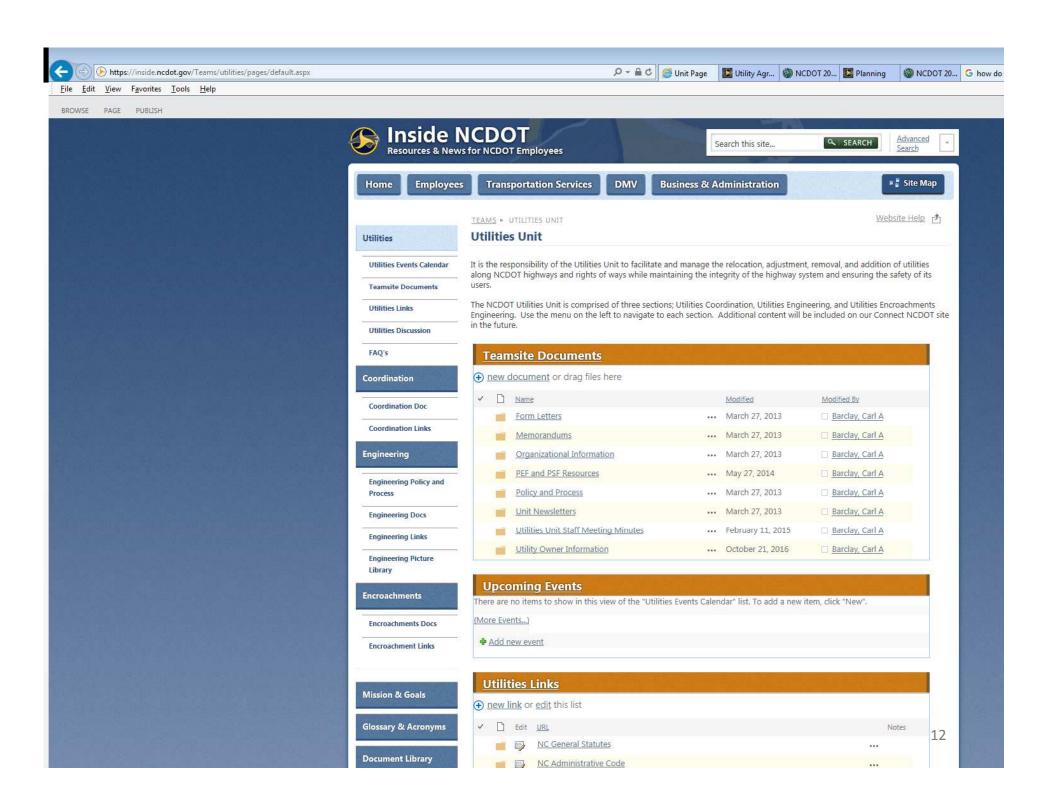
Which Agreement do I use? Depends! Who's paying? Who's constructing?

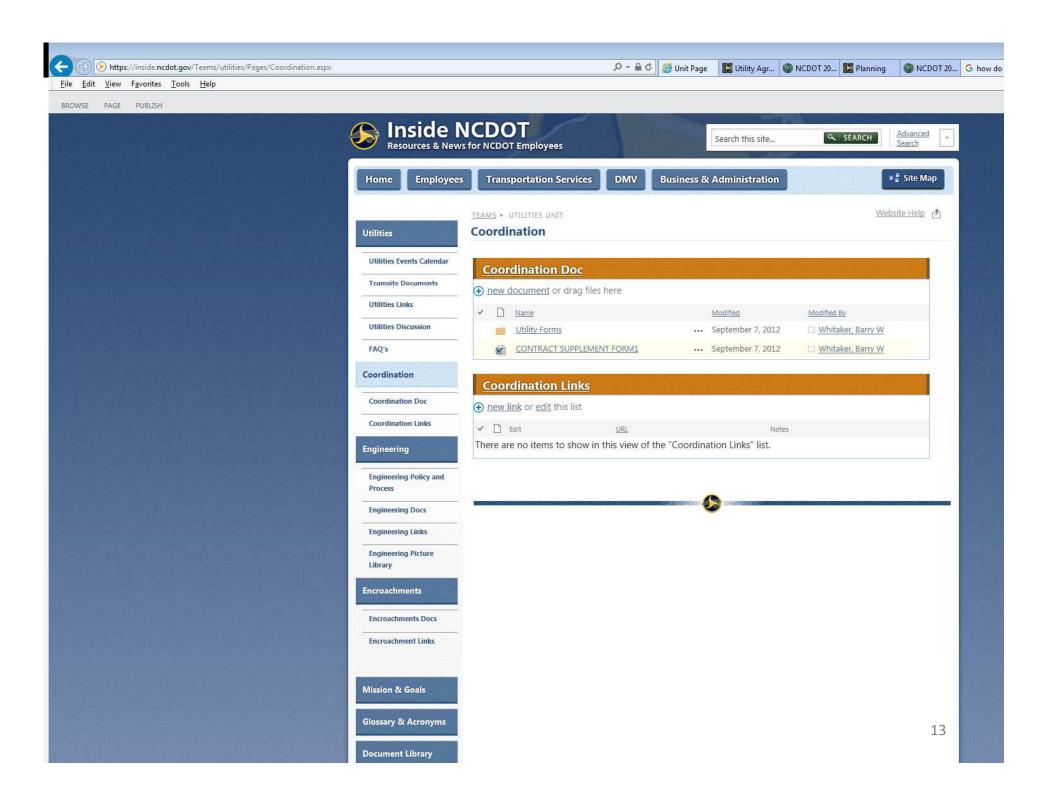
Cost Responsibility

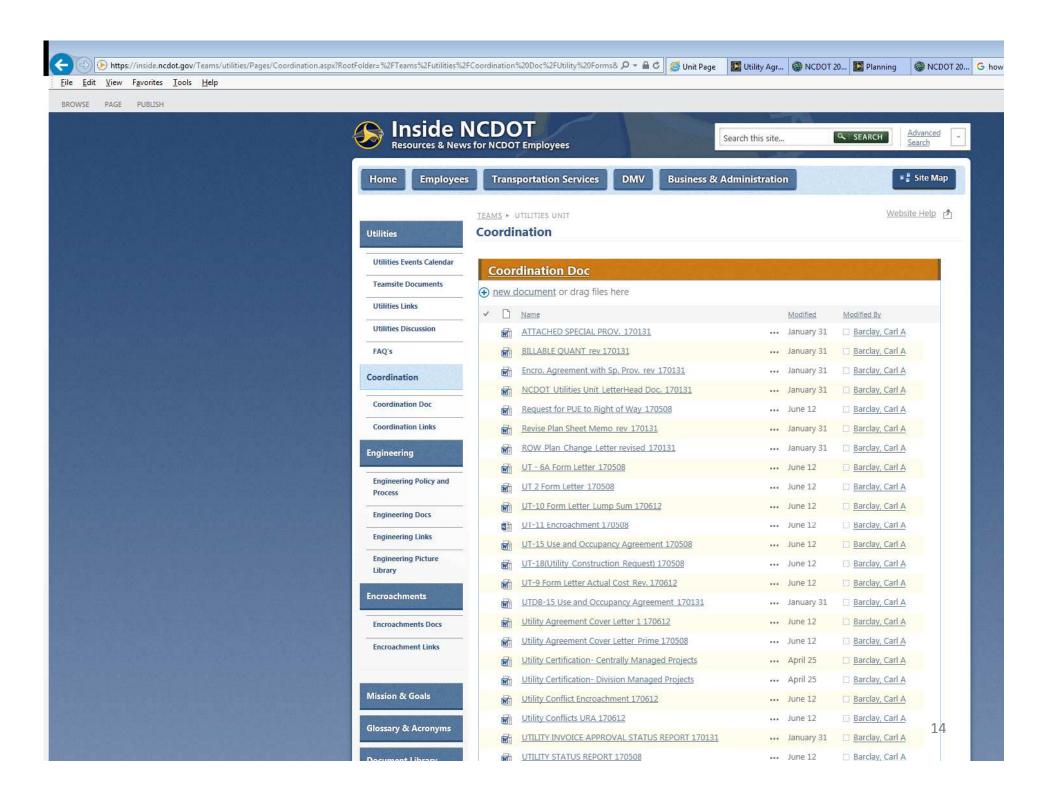
	Owner	NCI	DOT		
Owner Constructs (Utilities by Others, UbO)	R/W Form 16.1 (non-C/A) R/W Form 16.2 (C/A)	Utility Relocation Agreement (URA, for construction costs, but may include engineering if there is not a separate UPEA)	Utility Preliminary Engineering Agreement (UPEA, owner hires PEF o internal staff. Sometimes included in URA)		
	(If 100% Owner cost, standard encroachment forms are used)	(If NCDOT has ANY cost responsibility)	(If NCDOT has ANY cost responsibility)		
NCDOT Constructs (Utilities Construction, UC)	Utility Agreement (UA, for construction costs) Water and/or Sewer Engineering Agreement (for design costs, NCDOT hires PEF)	Use and Occupancy Agreement (U&O)	Utility Preliminary Engineering Agreement (UPEA, owner hires PEF or internal staff)		
	(If Owner has ANY cost responsibility)	(If 100% NCDOT cost, no betterment)	(If NCDOT has ANY cost responsibility)		

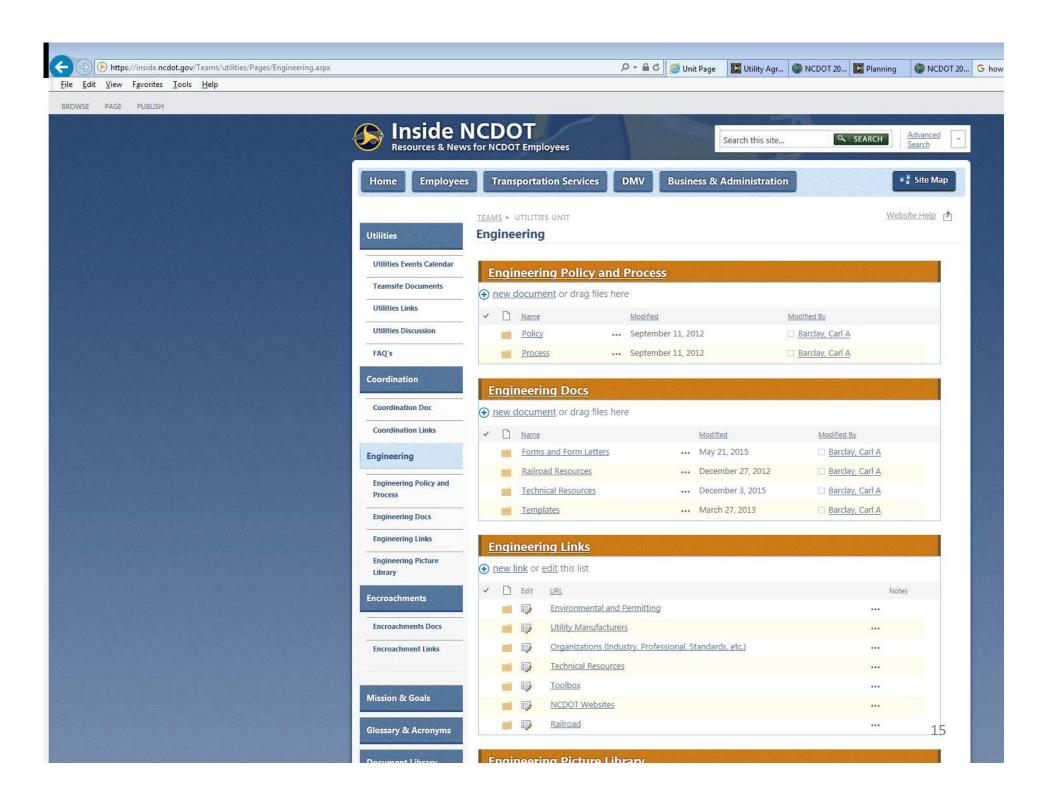
Resources on Inside

- Accessible to NCDOT employees only
- Intended for Utilities Unit
- Content relevant to Divisions
- Quick tour https://inside.ncdot.gov/Teams/utilities/pag es/default.aspx









Encroachments in Division Managed Projects

- New installations, NOT Relocations
- District notifies DUC of encroachment
- District provides tech review support
- If within C/A, DUC coordinates with the Encroachments Section
- DUC issues approvals for new encroachments

Encroachments in Division Managed Projects

 How to complete documentation for submitting packages and also plan design?

See Connect NCDOT webpage at:

https://connect.ncdot.gov/municipalities/Utilities/Pages/Encroachment-Agreements.aspx

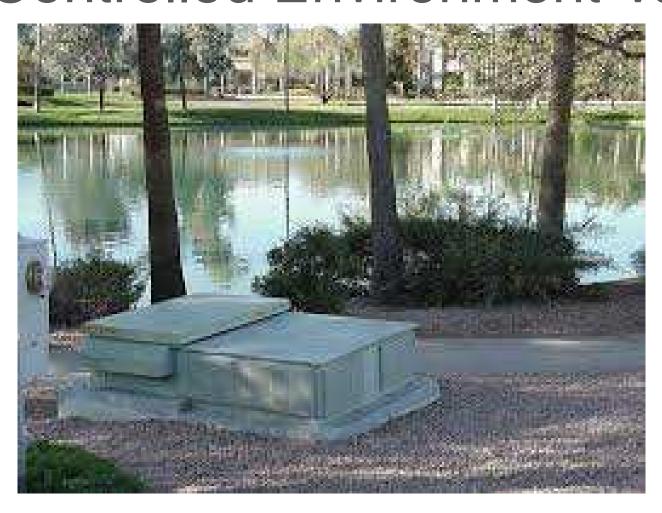
Encroachments in Division Managed Projects

- Training webinar for Division Utility
 Coordinator is set for August 9 and 10
- Invitations were sent out July 21, 2017
- Appropriate personnel is to sign up
- Make sure computer is ready

Utility Coordination Overview

- Red flags include:
 - Major facilities
 - Environmental
 - Railroad
 - Constructability
 - Detours/temporary bridges
 - Multiple pole occupants

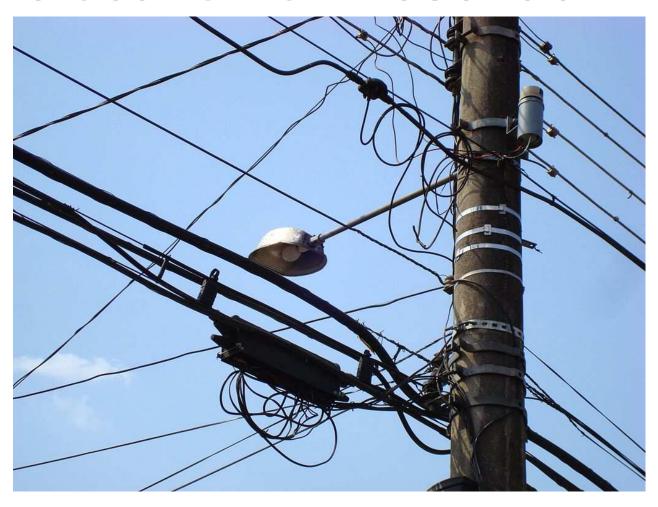
Controlled Environment Vault







What amount of time is needed for relocation of these facilities?



Right of Way

 Immediately inform Division R/W of any changes once acquisition has started

 Each Project will have its own challenges regarding R/W and PUE acquisition

Relationships For Successful Utilities Relocation on Projects

Utility Owners (Communication)

NCDOT Division Personnel / Other NCDOT Units such as (Roadway Design, PDEA, Hydro, Location Surveys, R/W Unit, Attorney General's Office) (Communication)

Utilities Unit or

Division Personnel

Municipalities / County Governments (Communication)

Fiscal Section of NCDOT (Communication)

Key Items in Utility Coordination Process

Start Coordination and Utility Analysis after Kickoff Meeting. Review Monthly R/W Primary Reports to determine how the acquisition of the parcels is proceeding

TO Hydro Plans











Schedule Utility Kickoff Meeting Submit PUE & Priority parcel

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Cost Responsibility

Prior Rights- How to Determine Them

Compensable Interest/Reimbursement

- When the utility has "prior rights" to be where they are, NCDOT pays for the relocation of those utilities.
- URA establishes the terms and methods in which the entity will be reimbursed by NCDOT.
- Prior rights claims by utility companies may be established in several ways.

Prior Rights Claims

Recorded easement

Recorded right of way

 Existing utilities qualify for adverse possession (encroaching or non)

Prior Rights Claims

Existing utility may have joint-use agreement with pole owner

Existing utility may be franchise based

NCDOT paid for previous relocation

Research

- Division Right of Way Office
- Public records: County Courthouse (often accessible online)
- NCDOT Archives Unit (previous project data)
- NCDOT Road Inventory Unit
- Affidavits from utility with supporting documentation
- Utility company records (provided by utility)

Cost Responsibility

GS 136-27.1

(Water and Sewer)

GS 136-27.2

(County Gas)

GS 136-27.3

(Repayment Terms)

Helpful Options

- Used by the Utilities Unit
- Used by the Divisions
- Don't limit yourself
- Let us know what works
- Share best practices

Utility Coordinator in Contract

- When is it appropriate?
- If significant UbO work after DOA
- If it reduces utility/Contractor "issues"
- If Contractor can coordinate UbO with his activities
- If beneficial to the project, include in estimate

Advanced Clearing Contract

- Can solve numerous problems
- Utility objects to clearing
- Utility's schedule unacceptable
- Cost savings
- May include all clearing, if appropriate

UbO Inspection

- UbO inspection in utility coord scope
- Several reasons when to consider
- Schedule- add'l eyes/ears to monitor
- If location is critical
- Several utilities in limited space
- Constructability
- Environmental commitments

UbO Inspection

- Another option, CEI firm
- Not tied to one project
- Likely more flexibility in tasking
- Combination may be best

Early Coordination

- Essential on complex projects
- May be surprised by flexibility
- Design- Roadway, Drainage, Structures
- Prioritizing R/W & PUE acquisition
- Prioritizing R/W plan sheets
- Partial environmental permit approval
- Identify obstacle(s) AND who can help

Field Support

- Utility Coordination
 - Reviewing- in-house manhours, URA and Encr. packages, relo PO/invoices
 - Utility Agreement development
- Utility Engineering
 - Reviewing- in-house manhours, PS&E package, unit prices

Field Support

- In house training
- DUC and DUE
- Work with the Utilities Unit for 2-3 days
- Advantages over us coming to you
- Support is based on need
 - Vacancy
 - New employee
 - Experienced employee

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