

2004–05 YEAR END REPORT

INDIANA QBS COALITION

In addition to ACEC Indiana representatives John Brand, Chris Murphy, Liza Dwyre, Steve Brinegar, Neil Myers, Stephanie Morse and Dave Warder, 2004-05 QBS Coalition members included: Dick Butwin (SMPS), Molly Burns (SMPS), T.J. Hutchinson (AGC) and Deb Kunce (AIA). Officers have been: Dave Warder (Chair), John Brand (Past Chair), Dick Butwin (Chair Elect), Chris Murphy (Secretary) and Liza Dwyre (Treasurer). Jim Bain served as the Coalition Facilitator.

Coalition meetings were held on August 10, 2004, October 12, 2004, January 11, 2005, February 8, 2005 and April 20, 2005 (which was the QBS Luncheon). All meetings except the April 20 luncheon, which was held at the downtown Westin Hotel, were held at the One Virginia Avenue First Floor Conference Room. The final Coalition meeting of the year is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on June 14, 2005 at the One Virginia Avenue First Floor Conference Room.

The following is a summary of the significant activities and accomplishments of the Coalition during the 2004-05 year:

- At the August 10, 2004 meeting initiatives for the year were established in the areas of: “QBS Education”, “QBS Recognition” and “Marketing QBS”. The initiatives included planning and presenting a joint lunch seminar with QBS sponsoring organizations, developing a CD that contains relevant QBS information, adding at least one sponsoring organization to the Coalition, soliciting nominations and selecting winners for the annual QBS Awards, promoting QBS to at least two private sector organizations and continuing to promote QBS to public officials.
- The Coalition had an exhibit at the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT) Conference in Evansville on September 27 and 28, 2004. Various Coalition members along with Mike Chesser of ACEC Indiana staffed the booth.
- Jim Bain made a presentation to the Indiana AWWA Section Meeting on February 22, 2005.
- The Coalition had a display booth at Road School at Purdue March 29-31, 2005.
- The Coalition assisted in the preparation of an ACEC Indiana letter endorsing the QBS process. The letter, which is signed by ACEC Indiana President Steve Weintraut and posted on the ACEC Indiana website, is intended for use by ACEC members in helping to persuade clients to use the QBS process.

- Jim Bain prepared a workshop presentation for the IACT Municipal Management Institute entitled “Construction in the Public Environment”. The program was to be presented at the IACT Institute in Bloomington on October 26, 2004 and in Plymouth on October 28, 2004. However, the Institute program was cancelled at both locations.
- Jim Bain participated in the Michigan Municipal League’s “The Public Official’s Guide to Municipal Infrastructure”. Jim has a prominent role in the portion of the program dealing with qualifications-based selection. If permission can be obtained, it is planned to use a portion of Jim’s presentation in developing an Indiana QBS Coalition CD.
- The Annual ACEC Indiana/QBS Coalition Luncheon was held April 20, 2005 at the Westin-Indianapolis downtown hotel. Approximately 140 people attended the luncheon to hear the remarks of Mr. Mickey Maurer, President of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation.
- The 2005 Indiana QBS Coalition Awards were presented at the April 20, 2005 luncheon. Merit Award winners were the City of Richmond (Repair/Replacement of the Old Main Street (U.S.40) Bridge over White River), Purdue University (Environmental Compliance Project, Wade Utility Plant on the West Lafayette Campus), the City of Lafayette, Parks & Recreation Department (Columbian Park Lagoon Revitalization Project) and the City of Union City, Indiana (Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation and Treatment Plant Improvements). The 2005 QBS Grand Award went to the Fall Creek Regional Waste District for the selection of an engineer for the design and operation of their wastewater treatment and collection systems.
- The coalition has requested the opportunity to make a presentation to the Executive Board of the Indiana Construction Roundtable (ICR). Pending approval by the ICR board, a presentation is tentatively scheduled for July 13, 2005 at 7:30 a.m. Thanks to Deb Kunce for making these arrangements.