



Details about Replacing 102 Bridges in Eastern Kentucky Released



The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is seeking responses from qualified design-build teams for a major project to replace 102 bridges in Eastern and Southeastern Kentucky.

The project is part of the state's

Bridging Kentucky Program, a statewide initiative that represents an unprecedented commitment by Gov. Matt Bevin and the Kentucky General Assembly to improve the safety and soundness of bridges throughout the commonwealth by replacing or rehabilitating more than 1,000 bridges in six years. According to KYTC's Request for Qualifications (RFQ), statements of qualifications are due by Monday, July 1. The RFQ also includes a list of the 102 tentative projects, located across more than 20 Kentucky counties, where new bridges will be constructed.

Interested design-build teams must attend a mandatory pre-proposal meeting in Frankfort on Tuesday, June 18. KYTC expects to select a design-build team for this four-year project by fall of this year.

"Kentucky has a heavy concentration of bridges in the eastern and southeastern parts of the state that need to be replaced," said Royce Meredith, KYTC's program manager for Bridging Kentucky. "This design-build project will allow the Bridging Kentucky Program to efficiently restore more than 100 bridges

in poor condition with newer, safer bridges for buses, emergency vehicles and other vehicles traveling throughout the state."

Design-build is an effective contracting approach to complete projects faster and often at a lower cost than traditional design-bid-build projects. Because design and construction responsibilities are handled by a single project team, this approach allows for improved coordination to limit traffic impacts during large construction projects across multiple sites. In 2018, the Kentucky General Assembly passed HB 385 to provide KYTC with more flexibility in using the design-build approach for maximum efficiency. In addition to the Eastern Kentucky bridge project, the cabinet currently is utilizing design-build for two projects in Northern Kentucky and the I-Move Kentucky project to improve the Interstate 265 corridor in Louisville.

The Eastern Kentucky design-build project is part of a busy year for bridge construction across the commonwealth. In 2019, KYTC will move more than 400 bridge projects from design and planning to construction through the Bridging Kentucky program, making this one of Kentucky's busiest years of bridge building.

Of the nearly 120 bridges in the program that have moved to construction so far, more than 20 are completed and have reopened to traffic.

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7 Steps to an Effective Quality-Management Program

Why even a solid punch list isn't the best route for ensuring project success



In construction, punch lists are just one element of a comprehensive quality-management program. If you want to reduce defects over time, with the goal of achieving great quality the first time, punch lists

alone will not get you there.

When creating a new quality-management program, think about it just as you would any other key component of your business—safety procedures, human resources practices, financial strategy, IT management, etc.—and follow a familiar process that includes setting goals, developing a strategy based on those goals, and executing that strategy and measuring progress.

When you take this approach, quality management becomes part of the culture, and it's clear that leadership is committed to the program. On the other hand, if you treat your program like a low-priority project, you'll get results in line with those efforts. Following these seven tips for starting a quality-management program will set your projects up for success.

1. Define Your Goals

Every construction company has different reasons for implementing a quality-management program. These might include mitigating risk and avoiding legal issues; complying with client contracts and insurance requirements; increasing sales by creating competitive advantage; increasing profits by reducing callbacks and waste; improving productivity by eliminating rework; growing the business by implementing scalable systems. When setting goals, be realistic, but aim high. Many construction company owners buy into the industry misconception that deficiencies are unavoidable. This leads to a certain amount of leniency when it comes to inspections and punch lists. When you commit to achieving the highest quality

the first time around and implement the systems that will enable you to eliminate deficiencies over time, all of the goals listed above are achievable.

2. Determine Your Model

As with most business processes, there are many approaches you can take, depending on the goals you have defined, to determining your business model. For example, if your goal is risk mitigation, you might set up your quality department so that the quality manager and their staff do all of the inspections throughout the entirety of the project.

At the other end of the spectrum, if you want to eliminate rework, involve construction managers in quality-management processes, such as jobsite walk-arounds, punch-list management, inspections, trade-partner evaluations and reporting metrics. Based on the goals you have outlined, define the roles and responsibilities for everyone involved in quality-management processes (including quality managers, general managers and trade partners) and communicate them to every member of the team.

3. Commit Resources

Regardless of the model you choose, the teams doing the work must have the necessary resources to do it effectively. If you decide that the quality department is performing all inspections, you may need to bulk up your employee count, making sure there are always enough quality inspectors available for all projects.

If construction managers are to adopt a larger role, they might need resources like ongoing training, software and support staff. When you allocate the resources that support the business model, try not to view quality management as purely a cost center. Remember that the investment you make in quality can yield big returns, especially when your goals are achieved.

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