



## **QBS Facilitator Council Achievements Report 2017-18**

The Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) Facilitator Council has been in existence since 1999. We are a non-profit coalition of organizations partnering in our efforts to educate governmental entities on the value of qualification based selection practices. To contact us for information or assistance on QBS please call the QBS office at 208-321-1736 or email us at [tottens@clearwire.net](mailto:tottens@clearwire.net). Our website is [www.idahoqbs.com](http://www.idahoqbs.com).

### **Partners:**

Nine partners have committed their time, energy and/or funding for the eighteen-year period that began in the 1999 year. The partners include:

- American Council of Engineering Companies of Idaho (ACEC)
- American Institute of Architect, Idaho (AIA)
- Idaho Society of Professional Land Surveyors
- Idaho Society of Professional Engineers (ISPE)
- Structural Engineers Association of Idaho (SEAI)
- American Public Works Association/Association of Idaho Cities Public Works Association
- Idaho Montana Chapter of American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)
- Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC)
- Construction Managers

### **Technical Assistance**

Since June of 1999, our founding year, we have had 654 total requests for information or assistance for an average of 34 requests a year we have fielded. In 2017-18, we fielded 40 requests for assistance (compared to 30 in the same period last year). Of these:

- 16 of these were suspected violations of the law – The majority of these agencies responded to our offer of assistance and changed their RFQ to comply with the law or made a commitment to follow the law in the future. The rest were too far into the process but indicated they would not violate the law in future RFQ's. Four were deemed not to be a violation.
- 17 requests were from agencies asking us to help them comply before the RFQ was written or for interpretations.
- 5 requests were for education or a presentation
- 2 requests came from the State Legislature for information

Of the requests the common topics this year were:

- Hiring roster requirements
- Fees under \$25,000
- When QBS is applied/definition of the practices
- Phased or associated projects
- Sub-contracting issues
- Emergency Services

Of these requests (details are available upon request):

- 15 concerned engineering services (38%)
- 3 concerned architectural services (8%)
- 3 concerned dual A/E services (8%)
- 6 concerned land surveying services (16%)
- 1 concerned dual engineering/land surveying services (2%)
- 1 concerned landscape architectural services (2%)
- 0 concerned construction management
- 11 were general requests involving all disciplines (26%)

**Services:**

- We provided training
- We provided QBS education to all those who contacted us
- Updated the Policy Manual and posted on the website for common interpretations of the law
- Updated and re-printed the QBS brochure

**Funding:**

Currently we are funded by the following resources per year:

- ACEC - \$3500 (41%)
- AIA - \$3000 (36%)
- ISPLS - \$1000 (12%)
- ISPE - \$450 (5%)
- IMASLA - \$100 (2%)
- SEAI - \$200 (4%)

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