



***Houston
Council of Engineering Companies***

TO: HCEC Geotechnical Committee Members
FROM: Nick Aschliman, Geotechnical Committee Chairman
RE: Minutes of Committee Meeting of February 1, 2008 - **DRAFT**
DATE: February 12, 2007
CC: HCEC Board of Directors

The Committee was called to order by Mr. Nick Aschliman at 7:30 a.m.

- A. **Minutes.** The Committee approved the December 7th meeting minutes.
- B. **HCFCD Geotechnical Guidelines: Final Comment.** The Committee discussed the new comments to the guidelines page by page. Major points were noted and revisions were suggested.

Action Items:

- a. HCEC staff to make revisions as discussed at today's meeting and route to Nick and Marie for review.
 - b. Mr. David Eastwood, upon revision approval, will expedite final review by TCEL.
 - c. Joint referral of guidelines (HCEC & TCEL) to HCFCD by Feb. 15th deadline.
- C. **Harris County's Geotechnical Guidelines.** Mr. Aschliman relayed a meeting between TCEL and HC. The County will move forward on working on the guidelines with TCEL as long as HCEC is also part of the working group. Proposed working group will be 3 Harris County reps, 2 TCEL reps (David Eastwood and Donald Anderson) and 2 HCEC reps. The group will work on Geotech Guidelines for roads, bridges, and vertical construction.
- D. **Geotechnical Firms.** The Committee members briefly discussed the benefits of teaming with HCEC members. Mr. Aschliman distributed a list of HCEC & TCEL Geotechnical firms. He suggested that HCEC contact firms that were members of TCEL and not members of HCEC to invite them to join HCEC. He also gave contact names for some of the firms.
- E. **Meeting Date.** The Committee discussed the current meeting time and date. They agreed to move the bi-monthly meeting to the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 a.m. The next meeting date will be April 3, 2008.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 a.m.

Attending:

Nick Aschliman, Fugro Consultants
David Eastwood, Geotech Engineering & Testing
Mohan Ballagere, Geotest Engineering, Inc.
Harold Cobb, Terracon
Rick Liesse, Raba-Kistner

Chris Lindsay, HCEC
Mary Harris-Taylor, HCEC