

# "ACEC Oregon/ODOT...A Partnership for Excellence" Workshop is a BIG success bringing together both groups to promote greater understanding of business practices

The *ACEC Oregon/ODOT...A Partnership for Excellence* workshop held March 6-9 in Wilsonville attracted a large number of participants from all over the state and provided a valuable opportunity for ACEC Oregon members to better understand ODOT's new structure. It also allowed both groups to interact on a personal level for several days.



Opening session of the "ACEC Oregon/ODOT...Partnership for Excellence" workshop in Wilsonville March 6. Pictured, from left: ACEC Oregon President-Elect, **Dwight Hardin, GRI Geotechnical & Environmental Consultants**, and ODOT Director, **Mat Garrett**.

The workshop is part of an ongoing training-related collaboration between ODOT and ACEC Oregon. It was jointly developed for technical and project delivery staff from both private consulting firms and ODOT.

The program offered practical information and tools for improving how the two organizations conduct business together. Key ODOT regional and headquarters contacts were introduced and each provided valuable insight into ODOT's project delivery methods for both in-house staff and consultants.



Pictured, from left, are: **Tim Dodson, ODOT Bridge Delivery Program**; **Kevin Thelin, Murray, Smith & Associates, Inc.** and **Claude Sakr, HDR Engineering, Inc.**



Gathered for their lunchtime presentation are, from left: **Mike Miotke, Jerome Duletzke**, ODOT Liaison Committee member **Tom Lulay**, and ACEC Oregon Immediate Past President, **Cynthia Lowe**, all with **Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas**.

Workshop goals were to:

- Develop a better understanding of each group's business environments and the technical and project delivery needs each group has when working together.
- Provide information about key deliverables and time- tables for delivery—from project start-up to completion.
- Share practical technical information, checklists, templates, contacts, etc. to promote success when working with technical aspects of developing and delivering projects.



ACEC Oregon/ODOT Liaison Committee Chair, **Bob Carson of Mason, Bruce & Girard, Inc.**, makes opening comments to help kickoff the "Partnership for Excellence" workshop.



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## More from the "Partnership for Excellence" workshop...

Opening comments were provided by ODOT leadership and ACEC Oregon key personnel: **Tom Lauer**, Interim Manager, ODOT Technical Services Branch; **Mathew Garrett**, ODOT Director; ACEC Oregon President-Elect, **Dwight Hardin**, **GRI Geotechnical & Environmental Services**; ODOT Liaison Committee Chair, **Bob Carson, Mason, Bruce & Girard, Inc.**; ODOT's **Doug Tindall**, Deputy Director of the Highway Division; and **Mel Sears**, ACEC Oregon Vice President and ODOT Liaison Committee board representative, **Parametrix, Inc.**

In addition to a big thank you to ODOT for making available the resources that resulted in such a superb program, special thanks also goes to ACEC Oregon members **Troy Bowers** and his firm, **Murray, Smith and Associates, Inc.**, and **Karen Tatman** and her firm, **Quincy Engineering, Inc.** for their efforts and firms' support in facilitating this program.



Workshop attendees include, from left: **Lois Cohen**, **Zetlin Strategic Communications**; ACEC Oregon Vice President and ODOT Liaison Committee board representative **Gayle Harley**, **OBEC Consulting Engineers**; and ODOT Liaison Committee Chair, **Bob Carson, Mason, Bruce & Girard, Inc.**



Pictured, from left, are: ACEC Oregon/ODOT Liaison Committee member **Randy McCourt**, **DKS Associates**; and **Terry Song** and **Kevin Timmins**, both with **Otak, Inc.**



The program attracted attendees from all over the state. ACEC Oregon/ODOT Liaison Committee members, **Shannon Struble**, **J-U-B Engineers** in Bend and **Brian Bierwagen**, **Parametrix, Inc.**, take a moment to catch up on the latest news.



ACEC Oregon/ODOT Liaison Committee members and ACEC Oregon Ad Hoc Training Committee Co-Chairs **Karen Tatman**, **Quincy Engineering, Inc.** and **Troy Bowers**, **Murray, Smith & Associates, Inc.** share a laugh with **Jeff Bradley** of **WEST Consultants**.

*Thank you to ODOT and all the individuals and firms that helped to make "A Partnership for Excellence" an overwhelming success!*