

Oregon Department of Transportation and ACEC Oregon Sign New Partnering Charter

On March 14, 2005, the American Council of Engineering Companies of Oregon/Oregon Department of Transportation (ACEC/ODOT) Steering Committee met in Salem, Oregon to outline a partnership agreement. The intent of the partnering workshop was to formulate a working relationship between ACEC Oregon and ODOT that meets partner needs and expectations given today's business context.

Specifically the workshop was organized to address the following items:

- Mutual understanding of the new working context and relationship
- Partner communication and collaboration protocols
- Committee structure and membership
- Issue identification, tracking and resolution



Signing of the new partnering charter between ODOT and ACEC Oregon on October 14, 2005. Pictured, left to right are: *Front Row:* Mel Sears, Co-Chair/ACEC Oregon-Parametrix, Kay VanSickel/ACEC Oregon-Otak, Mike Wolfe, Co-Chair/ODOT. *Back Row:* Michael Hatchell/Oregon Bridge Delivery Partners, Diana Foster/ODOT, Kathy Nelson/ODOT, Gayle Harley/ACEC Oregon-OBEC Consulting Engineers, Randy McCourt/ACEC Oregon-DKS Associates, Bob Carson/ACEC Oregon-Mason, Bruce & Girard. *Not Pictured:* Jay McRae/ACEC Oregon-CH2M Hill, Deborah Geideman/ODOT, Jeff Schieck/ODOT, Doug Tindall/ODOT, Tom Lauer/ODOT.

This Charter captures the framework of the new ACEC/ODOT partnership resulting from that workshop by:

- Officially establishing the Steering Committee and its role and responsibilities in the partnership structure
- Adopting renewed partnership communication and decision-making protocols
- Defining the new partnership structure and operations

After refinement by the Steering Committee, this Charter was formally adopted by the signature of the full Steering Committee membership on October 14, 2005.

