

PRIAA Section 305 Next Generation Equipment Pool Committee (NGEC)

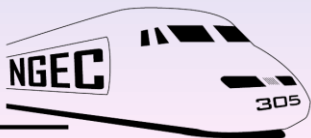
Annual Meeting
and
Executive Board Business Session
February 15, 2011



Report from Administrative Task Force (ATF)

CONFERENCE CALLS

- Oct 8
- Oct 20 (Joint with Finance)
- Nov 3
- Dec 3
- Jan 7
- Jan 14
- Jan 21
- Feb 4



1. PROPOSED LIABILITY POLICY:

The Committee will not indemnify any Officer, Executive Board member or any other person participating in the Committee for any act or failure to act in the course of any member's service on behalf of the Committee or in conjunction with duties performed in the Committee. Each Executive Board member will be responsible for his or her own actions and the consequences of those actions and shall not be responsible for the actions of any other Executive Board member and consequences of those actions.



2. COPYRIGHT SPECIFICATION ISSUES

Statement on Document Ownership and Change Control

- The Administrative Taskforce has been reviewing the issue of intellectual property rights (IPR) associated with the documents that have been produced on behalf of the NGEC along with future processes that might be implemented. This presentation to the Executive Board is to highlight what is presently being undertaken such that the Executive Board can advise if any change to this approach is necessary.

COPYRIGHT SPECIFICATION ISSUES (cont.)

- The issue of creating a policy on intellectual property is complex – as a general rule, material developed with federal funds is expected to be made available for use by everyone.
- Should there be a disclaimer?– (user takes all the risk)
- Is there a downside to allowing anyone to use the specifications developed by the NGEC?

COPYRIGHT SPECIFICATION ISSUES (cont.)

There is limited protection through the copyright that accompanies each of the specification documents (Amtrak copyright), but it seems that there should be wording developed that adds a disclaimer or some sort of indemnification language.



COPYRIGHT SPECIFICATION ISSUES (cont.)

- The documents are all posted on the AASHTO website www.highspeed-rail.org – if federal funds are used for any part of the cost of the website, then there is a federal interest.
- What is the future plan on how the Committee intends to use the documents it develops?
- Are there any limits on the use of the specification documents?
- Are there any restrictions on making modifications to them?

**PROPOSED
BUDGET AND
WORK PLAN
FOR
ADMINISTRATIVE
TASK FORCE**

| CATEGORY | DOLLAR AMOUNT |
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| Category | |
| Meetings – Travel (includes airfare, lodging, meals, misc.) | \$ 14,000.00 |
| Meetings – Includes facilities, materials and meals | |
| Labor – Amtrak, AASHTO | |
| Prof. Services – Consultants | \$ 25,000.00 |
| Tech | |
| Legal/Corp | \$ 50,000.00 |
| Financial | |
| Contingency | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Audit | |
| Conference Call/Webinar | \$ 15,000.00 |
| Web Site | |
| TOTALS | \$114,000.00 |

Questions ?

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