WORKFACE PLANNING FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

WorkFace Planning

Owner requires that Construction Contractor implement WorkFace Planning, in accordance with the Construction Owners Association of Alberta (COAA) model as published on the COAA website ([www.coaa.ab.ca](http://www.coaa.ab.ca/).) The Construction Contractor shall submit their Workface Execution Plan taking into account the minimum standards of the COAA model contents and Construction Contractor’s implementation shall be in accordance with terms and conditions agreed between Owner and Construction Contractor.

The Construction Contractor’s WorkFace Planning Execution Plan, complete with a WorkFace Planning Score Card, shall be prepared by the Construction Contractor and submitted to Owner for review and approval no later than 90 days in advance of the beginning of permanent plan installations at the Site or as otherwise agreed.

Construction Contractor shall, or if requested by Owner, conduct periodic audits of its WorkFace Planning efforts including its lower tier subcontractors using the WorkFace Planning Score Card at the frequency and times noted therein. Owner shall monitor and reserves the right at any time deemed necessary to audit using their WorkFace Planning Score Card on the execution of the Construction Contractor’s Workface Execution Plan throughout the duration of the contract to determine if WorkFace Planning is being implemented in accordance with the agreed upon Workface Execution Plan. In cases where significant deviations to the Workface Execution Plan are identified either by the Owner or the Construction Contractor, the Construction Contractor shall immediately prepare an action plan for correction of the deficiencies and shall immediately implement this plan upon approval of the owner.

The Construction Contractor will divide a Work Design Area into a series of preferred Construction Work Packages (each a “CWP”). These CWP definitions will be issued to the Owner and Engineering group in order to align relevant portions of the overall scope of Work with the Engineering deliverables e.g.: Engineering Work Packages (EWP’s), Materials and Equipment. With Owner participation the Construction Contractor and Engineering Contractor shall discuss and form agreement for mutual benefit with regard to the packaging boundaries. This cooperation shall continue throughout the project to completion.

If EP/EPCM Contractor and Construction Contractor cannot agree on the EWP/CWP breakdown the Owner together with the EP/EPCM Contractor and Construction Contractor will formulize an agreement that is beneficial to the overall project.

During the EDS or preliminary engineering stage of the project, as a result of agreement between the Engineering Contractor and the Construction Contractor, the Construction Contractor will identify the CWP’s and develop a CWP Release Plan that will specify the number, approximate manhour size, and preferred release date for each CWP. The CWP Release Plan will include standard templates to be used, the number of packages, and planned craft loading to accomplish the tasks in the CWP’s. Construction Contractor shall submit the CWP Release Plan to the Owner for approval and Engineering Contractor for review and comment. If Owner and Engineering Contractor have comments on the initial submittal, and if requested by Owner, the Construction Contractor will resubmit the CWP Release Plan taking into account Owner and Engineering Contractor’s comments in order to gain Owner’s approval. The date of the Contractor’s initial submittal of the CWP Release Plan is to be agreed upon between Owner and Construction Contractor at the beginning of the EDS or preliminary engineering phase.

Each CWP will include but not limited to the following:

* A detailed description of the Scope of Work for a defined area that has been released for execution by the Construction Contractor
* A detailed Bill of Materials (BOM) specifying all quantities making up the Scope of Work released by the CWP
* A schedule detailing commencement and completion dates for Scope of Work released by the CWP
* Technical requirements, references, and information pertinent to the Scope of Work released in the CWP
* Safety considerations with respect to the Work/Risk Assessment.

As Issued-for-Construction (IFC) CWP’s are released, the Construction Contractor and/or its lower tier subcontractors shall provide the following:

* Roles and responsibilities of Construction Contractor and Sub-Contractors
* Safety considerations with respect to the Work/Risk Assessment.
* Dedicated, suitably trained WorkFace Planners who have either completed the COAA Fundamentals Course or equivalent Owner-developed course to break the CWP into a series of specific WorkFace Planning work packages called Installation Work Packages (IWP’s). These dedicated WorkFace Planners will be accountable to complete and signoff as ready the IWP’s before the IWP is released to the crew.
* Dedicated Integration Planner with assigned responsibility to coordinate and lead the efforts of the WorkFace Planners and resolve anticipated conflicts proactively between the different IWP’s.
* Dedicated Resource Coordinators with assigned responsibility for areas such as material identification and control, scaffolding, construction equipment, specialty tools, and other resources needed to support the WorkFace Planning effort.
* Experienced personnel including craft supervision to review the scope and completeness of IWPs.
* Work force and leadership to execute IWP’s.
* Personnel and systems to report progress and performance of IWP’s in an agreed upon format and frequency with the Owner.
* Prepare and maintain detailed schedules and spreadsheets tracking, monitoring, and closing-out IWP’s from start to completion of each IWP during the construction phase of the project.
* Provide quality assurance personnel to audit compliance to IWP instructions and requirements

Prior to the CWP’s reaching IFC stage, the Construction Contractor and/or its lower tier subcontractors shall develop a preliminary FIWP Release Plan for each CWP indicating the approximate size and planned release date for each FIWP. The Owner will review the Contractor’s FIWP Release Plan and approve. If Owner has comments on the initial submittal and if requested by Owner, the Contractor will resubmit the FIWP Release Plan taking into account Owner’s comments in order to gain Owner’s approval. The date of the Contractor’s initial submittal of the FIWP Release Plan is to be agreed upon between Owner and Contractor during the EDS or preliminary engineering phase of the project.

During the Construction Phase the Construction Contractor may be required to liaise with other Construction Contractors in the WorkFace Planning effort with regard to common Owner supplied commodities e.g.: Scaffold, Cranes, Transportation, etc..