**Team Purpose:**

Collaborate with Wisconsin contractors, suppliers and consultants to evaluate and identify specific improvement opportunities for WisDOT’s specifications, policies, and procedures related to the design & construction of grading/landscaping/sewer items on highway and bridge transportation projects. Review/develop broader statewide policy and programs in these identified areas. Share/develop new initiatives to improve the quality and economy of Wisconsin construction projects and transportation assets.

Specific objectives of the GLS will be defined and discussed at regularly scheduled meetings organized by the committee chair. Work involves GLS members acting in the best interest of all stakeholders affected by the specifications, policies, guidance, etc.

**Duration and Time Commitment:**

Duration:Ongoing with meetings typically held twice per year.

Time Commitment: Approximately 10 hours per year, with additional time as needed for special work groups.

**Member Names and Affiliation:**

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| **FHWA** | **WisDOT** | **Contractor/Consultant** |
| Nick Perna | David Staab (Chair) | Jake David  |
|  | Jeremy Ashauer | Chris Goss |
| **DNR** | Wayne Chase | Matt Grove |
| Cami Peterson | Brian Dupont | Scott Herrmann |
|  | Jon Engerson | Peter James |
|  | Eric Gwidt | Bob Kennedy |
|  | Stacy Hagenbucher | Jeff Maples |
|  | Eric Gwidt | Steve Nachreiner |
|  | Hans Hallanger | Bradley Ottum |
|  | Jesse Hansen | Tadd Owens |
|  | Chad Hayes | Tim Peterson |
|  | Tom Kobus | Jeff Ringle |
|  | Ed Lilla | Andy Ruffing |
|  | Erik Lyngdal | Valentyn Tereshchenko  |
|  | Steve Maxwell | Josh Wade |
|  | Barry Paye | Thor Wick |
|  | Mark Polega |  |
|  | Steven Popke |  |
|  | Christa Schaefer |  |
|  | Daniel Schave |  |
|  | Nathan Schumaker |  |
|  | Mark Zander |  |
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**Reporting Plans:**

Meeting minutes are completed to summarize the topics of discussion, action items and outcomes from each meeting.

**Deliverables:**

Ongoing revisions to the Department’s Facilities Development Manual (FDM), Standard Specifications, Construction & Materials Manual (CMM), and other Departmental documents/policies/guidance/etc. as issues are considered and brought to conclusion.

**Desired Outcomes:**

* Develop policies and procedures that provide for the most efficient and cost-effective construction methods, while adhering to the standards of quality, total facility economics and asset management.
* Reduce construction conflicts by improving the Department and industry’s understanding and expectations of how construction specifications, guidance, details, and methods should be interpreted and enforced.
* Improvements and clarifications to specifications, guidance, and construction details.
* Reduction in contract administration claims resulting from industry having better understanding of Department expectations.
* Improvement in the Department’s understanding of contractor issues and concerns.
* Improvement in communication between WisDOT and industry.
* Streamlining implementation of practice-ready research results.
* Assignment of issues and tasks to various sub-committees for resolution

**Goals for Year 2022/2023:**

* Incorporate and monitor the use of the waste excavation bid item special provision on pilot projects, to help determine potential future use through incorporation into the standard specifications.
* Implement agreed-upon weight to volume conversion factors for recycled aggregate materials.
* QMP Subgrade review/updates.
* Update GLS Team membership.

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