



UTILITY COORDINATION NEWSLETTER

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This newsletter is published by the WisDOT Bureau of Technical Services/Utility Unit (BTS/U) and provides updates pertaining to WisDOT utility coordination and related WisDOT programs.

UPCOMING REGIONAL UTILITY CONFERENCES

Southeast Region February 14, 2019	North Central Region February 20, 2019	Northwest Region Rescheduled – New Date March 5, 2019
Waukesha County Technical College (WCTC) 800 Main St. Pewaukee, WI 53072	Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center 1100 Imperial Ave Rothschild, WI 54474	Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College Rice Lake Campus 1900 College Dr. Rice Lake, WI 54868
Sponsor: We Energies	Sponsor: American Transmission Company	Sponsor: Xcel Energy
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Utility Region Conferences link for more info: <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/eng-consultants/cnslt-rsrcs/util/utilconf.aspx>.

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UN #03-01	Staff Changes (WisDOT)
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SW Region

Richard (Rick) Olson New to the unit - Advanced Utility Engineer
 Bobbie Keck Recently promoted to Lead Worker

SE Region

Jasmine Bhatena New to unit - Lead Worker

NC Region

Ryan Arnold New to the unit - Technical Services Supervisor

NW Region

Heath Bielefeldt Recently promoted to Lead Worker
 Dan Phu New to the unit - Utility Engineer
 Christina Martin Utility Coordinator
 *Christina will be assisting the utility unit as she transitions into her new role in the NW Region Survey/Plat Unit

BTS Utility Unit (CO Utilities)

Abby Schmidt New to the unit - Statewide Utility Engineer
 Andy DeVos New to the unit - Statewide Utility Project Coordinator
 Sharon Hoffmann New to the unit - Office Operations Associate

Link to the WisDOT Statewide Utility Coordinator Staff listing: <http://wisconsindot.gov/dtsdManuals/utility/dtsd-utilcoord.pdf>.

UN #03-02	Attention Utility Companies & DOT Staff – 3D Utility Survey Data
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The BTS/U is currently working on finalizing a consultant contract that will provide research, analysis and recommendations for the use of 2D and 3D utility survey data in plans and models. This includes but is not limited to the depiction and transfer of survey data, clash detection practices and workflows, and requirements for permits. The proposal solicitation was posted on Jan. 9, 2019 and it is anticipated that this will be a one year project to begin in June 2019.

People who have experience working with 3D utility data are encouraged to share their findings. This info and questions can be directed to Abby.Schmidt@dot.wi.gov.

UN #03-03	DocuSign Updates
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BTSU has created several templates in DocuSign to assist utility coordination efforts. The first form being tested is the DT1077 (Proposed Highway Improvement Notice, aka 1077 packet). The BTS/U has recruited region utility staff, Shane Smith, SW Region utility coordinator, and Dylan Gates SE Region utility engineer, to test the process.

Shane and Dylan will be sending out the 1077 packets for select projects soon. During this testing period they will be working with some utility companies to help develop a process for sending the notices and receiving the system maps for projects where it is required to return them. Utility companies who are part of this testing phase are encouraged to provide feedback to create a process that works best for the department and the utility companies.

Below are the forms that have templates created in DocuSign. Testing will begin on the DT1078, DT1541 and DT1542 in the next few weeks. The testing will be handled in a similar manner as the 1077 packet.

- DT1078 – Project Plan Transmittal
- DT1541 – Audit Agreement
- DT1542 – Lump Sum Agreement

UN #03-04	Diggers Hotline Update
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Andy DeVos, statewide utility project coordinator, recently joined the Diggers Hotline Advisory Board (AB). The AB is comprised of utility facility locating firms, utility facility owners, road contractors, Diggers Hotline representatives and Wisconsin Department of Transportation. The AB attends the Diggers Hotline Board of Directors (BOD) meeting and then meets separately to discuss solutions to Diggers Hotline issues. These solutions are then recommended to the BOD. The BOD and AB meet every other month at the Diggers Hotline headquarters in New Berlin, Wis.

The last BOD and AB meeting was on Jan. 16, 2019. At the meeting, the AB discussed the smooth rollout of the new online ticket request program called ProPortal that started on Jan. 9, 2019. The other major topic discussed was the new 2019 Diggers Hotline No-Show ticket. When utilities don't mark their facilities in the required timeframe, the person who requested the locate would complete a No-Show ticket listing the utility company that didn't mark its facilities. Utility companies will be notified that they are in non-compliance. Diggers Hotline will be tracking the No-Show tickets and repeat offenders will be contacted. If utility companies continue to not mark their facilities in the required timeframe, Diggers Hotline will contact the Public Service Commission to discuss corrective actions. A total of 36 No-Show tickets have already been filed from Jan. 9-19, 2019.

Meeting minutes, further information and questions can be directed to Andy DeVos at office: (608) 267-0307, mobile: (608) 228-4337 or Andy.Devos@dot.wi.gov.

UN #03-05	Local Program Tools Website – Utility Coordination
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This website is for sharing information and current processes relating to utility coordination for local program agency sponsors and their representatives.

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/eng-consultants/cnslt-rsrces/util/lpatools.aspx>

UN #03-06 Buy America Development Team

The purpose of the Buy America Development Team is for WisDOT and utility companies to work together to develop and document guidance on Buy America for utility work that is a part of a contract between these two parties.

Attached is the current list of participants on this team. To date, there has been one face-to-face meeting and five teleconferences.

Andy DeVos	WisDOT, BTS Utility Unit (Statewide Utility Project Coordinator)	Matt McGill	Wisconsin Public Service Corp. (Engineer Manager - Gas)
Adam Schleicher	City of Sun Prairie (Director of Public Services / City Engineer)	Michael Baumann	WisDOT, BTS Utility Unit (Statewide Utility Engineer)
Brian Hammes	Border States (Account Manager)	Nicole Smullen	We Energies (Project Manager – Customer Operations)
Dan Sande	We Energies (Manager – Gas & Electric Policy)	Norman Pawelczyk	WisDOT, BTS (Technical Services Chief)
Don Server	Alliant Energy (Sr Mgr Supply Chain – Energy Delivery)	Paul Burkholz	AT&T Wisconsin (Area Mgr. Osp Planning and Engineering Design)
Greg Wagner	AT&T (Product Marketing Manager – Enterprise Mobility Applications – Marketing Communications)	Rebecca Fletcher	Alliant Energy (Buyer)
Joel Sullivan	AT&T Wisconsin (Area Manager – Network Process and Quality)	Rick Podolak	AT&T Wisconsin (Manager – Design Engineering)
Lori Butry	Wisconsin Public Service Corp. (Gas System Associate Analyst)	Ross Barrette	Wisconsin Public Service Corp. (Sr Standards Eng. and Shared Facilities Leader)
Lou Armstrong	AT&T	Ryan Huebner	American Transmission Company (Senior Buyer – East Portfolio)
		Steve Quick	We Energies (Senior Commodity Specialist)

The team is currently focused on resolving issues with ductile iron attachment materials for overhead utility facilities. In addition, discussions have taken place regarding defining “predominately” steel.

Questions about this can be directed to Michael.Baumann@dot.wi.gov or Andy.Devos@dot.wi.gov.

UN #03-07 International Right of Way Association (IRWA) Utility / WisDOT Liaison Committee

This group of utility industry representatives and WisDOT staff gather at least three times per year in Fond du Lac, Wis. to discuss various topics related to utility industry updates and concerns, as well as, WisDOT’s Utility Accommodation and Utility Coordination policies. People who want to know more about the group or attend a meeting, can contact the BTS/U shared mailbox at DOTDTSDCOUtilityCoordination@dot.wi.gov.

Meetings are scheduled as follows for 2019:

- April 4, 2019
- August 8, 2019
- November 7, 2019

UN #03-08 BTS/U Shared Mailbox

Submit questions, suggestions, comments and potential newsletter articles to DOTDTSDCOUtilityCoordination@dot.wi.gov. BTS/U will review each submission prior to publication.