

WORKING STRUCTURE

Working Group for Developing Standards & Specifications of Trenchless Technology Techniques, suitable to Indian Conditions

Preamble

Indian Society for Trenchless Technology (IndSTT) the apex autonomous organization to promote the application of Trenchless Technology in India and other South Asian Nations had organized its National Seminar, No-Dig India 2007 on 28th & 29th March 2007 at Scope Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi. To operationalize the recommendations of this seminar a working group to recommend the minimum standards and related criteria for various trenchless techniques suitable to Indian conditions for a transparent procurement process has been established.

Terms of reference for the working group:

The aims and objectives of the Working Group (WG) are as follows:

1. To identify various Trenchless Techniques for various subsurface works of water and sewer networks;
2. To develop working standards for the identified techniques;
3. To develop schedule of rates (SOR) for trenchless techniques to enable a harmonized procurement processes by the following actions;
 - 3.1 Collecting inputs from stakeholders national and international and evaluating the workable standard schedule of rates for Indian conditions.
 - 3.2 Analyzing the actual costing of the works related matters.
 - 3.3 Discussing, evaluating and frameworking schedule of rates (SOR).
 - 3.4 Updating and renewing the SOR on a regular basis.
4. To develop quality assurance, quality control and workmen safety manuals for trenchless techniques;
5. To develop disaster management plan for subsurface utility networks;
6. To develop city specific subsurface utility networks maps on GPS platform;
7. Any other relevant matters.

Working Group Structure

The Working Group constituents are the invited nominees from various stakeholders related to the sector. The Working Group secretariat is based at IndSTT office at New Delhi which shall be holding meetings of the members and developing the standards and schedules as per the instructions of the group.

Working Group Meetings

As the constituent base is spread across India, a series of WG meetings have been scheduled and the first series of four meetings have been scheduled as follows:

City	Date	Venue
New Delhi	21 May 2007	Hotel Intercontinental The Grand
Bangalore	28 May 2007	Hotel ATRIA
Kolkata	30 May 2007	To be decided
Chandigarh	To be decided	To be decided

Depending upon the locational proximity the working group members are required to select the city from the above and indicate the preferred city to the secretariat. IndSTT is also in the process of scheduling further meetings at Mumbai, Chennai, Lucknow, Jaipur and Ahmedabad or Vadodara for a better representation and data assimilation.

In addition to the working group meetings live demonstration and presentations of various trenchless techniques are also being scheduled to provide a better insight to the WG members.

For New Delhi event the workshop is being organized jointly with Worldwide Machinery Solutions and Vichitra Constructions Pvt. Ltd.

Recommendations of WG

A set of recommendations would be prepared after each meeting and would be circulated amongst all the members of the working group for their comments. Based on the comments received a final set of standards and specifications would be prepared and proposed for adoption.

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