

**Results of Review of Triennial Strategic Plan by  
Scope, Organization and Function Subcommittee of the  
Design and Construction Group Executive Board**

**Year Due: 2006**

**Year Submitted: 2006**

***RATING RANGE: OUTSTANDING, EXCELLENT, GOOD, FAIR, AND POOR***

***Comments and Ratings of Individual Members of SOF Subcommittee***

**AFS30 Foundations of Bridges and Other Structures**

**Part 1 Comments**

Scope is Excellent: Concise and to the point.

No changes proposed

No change of scope or name were proposed.

Date of name/scope review was given; no changes were requested.

Name and scope reviewed; no changes proposed.

The dates of the review of the name and the scope are stated. No changes are requested in the name and the scope.

Name and scope reviewed.

The TSE indicates that the Committee name and scope were reviewed at the TRB Annual Meetings in 2006. The name and scope were considered to be accurate for this round of evaluations, no revisions are proposed.

**Part 2 Comments**

Strategic goals were identified. Committee has action plans to focus on specific issues.

Future goals from past TSE generically reiterated.

**Technology Transfer/Committee Interaction**

Outstanding. Outstanding Participation at meetings, sessions. Very high number of sessions (5/year), extremely high number of papers (14-20/year), high number of meeting presentations (5/year), Workshops (2), E-Circular.

Excellent. Good sessions, presentations in comm. Meetings, workshops held, circular published.

Outstanding. Sponsored/co-sponsored Multiple sessions. Sposored/co-sponsored TRB workshops and prepared a circular. Good interaction of members with other TRB committees and outside organizations. The Committee is resonably balanced. Need to recruit more women and industry members.

The committee exceeds the qualifications for a Good rating in nearly all areas. I give it an Outstanding rating.

I rate this as Excellent

Outstanding. Multiple sessions, with many co-sponsored. Multiple informal presentations and reviewed/published papers. Two co-sponsored workshops. E-circular completed. Committee has Good geographical distribution. Committee has Good affiliation diversity except no local government or industry members. Good committee interaction, especially with AASHTO bridge subcommittee.

This is an active committee as evidenced by the high attendance at the committee meetings. The committee reviews, presents and publishes a Good cross-section of timely papers and encourages informal topical presentations at its annual meetings. The committee also seeks out partnering efforts with other TRB committees and organizations. the membership makeup is very Good, based on the 2006 rotation. I recommend an Outstanding rating for this activity.

Outstanding - number of papers reviewed and published, sessions and workshops sponsored, Circular published, interactions

Outstanding. This Committee has maintained a high degree of activity with committee meetings, sponsored sessions, informal presentations, paper reviews, and published papers. It has Good diversity in membership, meeting attendance, and committee-member interaction. Well documented liason memberships and collaborative efforts with other TRB committees and outside organizations Successfully co-sponsored 2 workshops, one in each of 2005 and 2006. Prepared and submitted for publication E-Circular E-C079.

## **Research Needs**

Excellent. 7 RNS, 4 submitted for funding, 1 Funded NCHRP Synthesis Topic Submitted and approved for funding.

Good

Outstanding. The committee has proposed 4 new RNS in 2006 and 1 synthesis topic was funded by NCHRP. Emphasize on more RNS and synthesis topics.

The committee exceeds the qualifications for a Good rating. I give it an Excellent rating.

I rate this as Excellent

Excellent. Multiple RNSs on website. Multiple new RNSs, and one submitted for funding. One synthesis statement submitted and funded by NCHRP.

The committee actively develops RNSs and has a Good record in getting the RNSs funded. The committee needs to be more pro-active in developing Synthesis topics, given its Good track record (2005 synthesis topic). I recommend an Excellent rating for this activity.

Excellent - maintaining list, Four new statements developed and submitted for funding

Excellent. Contributed 6 new RNSs in the reporting period and 1 Synthesis Topic. One RNS is pending NCHRP funding approval and the ST was approved for NCHRP funding.

### **Future Goals**

Excellent. Direct and timely focus areas and having an action plan directly linked to the focus areas.

Fair. Specifics lacking.

Excellent. Concerns and issues were identified. Short and long term plans are outlined to address the concerns and issues, including RNS, sessions, workshops, more interaction with other TRB committees and outside organizations.

The committee has identified a series of well-focused future goals and outlined steps to achieve them. I give it an Excellent rating.

I rate this as Excellent

Good. Current and emerging technical concerns were identified but required cooperative efforts were not identified. Activities were not specified as short term or long term.

The committee's future goals are somewhat generic. Should have listed current/emerging topics in the committee's area of interest and stated how the committee planned to respond to needs for these hot topics over the next three years. Also, should have included specific goals/activities and milestones (directed sessions, workshops or other T2 activities). I recommend a Good rating for this activity.

Good - concerns identified. Should develop a list of activities targeted to address the issues.

Good. The future goals are generally well formulated, but not identified as short-term or long-term. Need to identify individuals/subcommittees and timelines assigned to each goal. Some short-term hot topic goals with milestones should have been identified. Also, there is little tie in with concerns requiring cooperative efforts.