



Delegated Design – Managing Risk and Fulfilling Contractual Obligations

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5:00 – 6:00 PM via Zoom Meetings (**NOTE NEW START TIME**)

Delegated design is common in modern capital projects but is frequently misunderstood and can be improperly implemented. Delegated design is when the construction contract requires the contractor, subcontractor, or supplier to engage the services of a licensed, registered design professional to prepare the final design of a specific element of the completed project, based on performance and design criteria in the construction contract. This is, in effect, a “mini design-build project within a project”. Because two different design professionals have their fingers in a delegated design, many myths and misconceptions exist concerning delegated design and its attendant liability. This presentation will address appropriate means of managing the architect’s or engineer’s risk while fulfilling its contractual obligations.

This presentation will discuss what is and is not delegated design; types of work that are commonly delegated design, and why; making the project owner aware of the need for delegated design, and associated scheduling and budgeting; locations within the construction documents where delegated design requirements are indicated; how to properly require a delegated design; and how to properly review and process delegated design shop drawings and other, related submittals.

REGISTRATION:

An email will be sent to each registrant the day of the event to join the virtual meeting.

This program meets the AIA/CES requirements for continuing education and qualifies for 1.0 HSW Learning Units.

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SPEAKER:

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Kevin O’Beirne is a professional engineer licensed in New York and Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of the State University of New York at Buffalo with a BS in Civil Engineering. He has over 32 years of experience in design, construction contract administration, and project management on water and wastewater treatment and infrastructure projects.

Mr. O’Beirne is the National Manager of Engineering Specifications for HDR—a global engineering and architecture design firm with over 10,500 employees. He is experienced with construction documents, construction claims resolution, design-build and other alternative project delivery methods, and related matters.

Mr. O’Beirne is an ACEC delegate on, and past chair of, the Engineers Joint Contract Documents Committee (EJCDC), participating on EJCDC’s Construction, Procurement, Design-Build, and Construction Management Subcommittees. He is a Fellow of the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI), serves on various CSI national committees, writes a blog on CSI’s national website, and received CSI’s “Communicator of the Year” award in both 2019 and 2020. He is a principal author of CSI’s book, Construction Contract Administration Practice Guide, Second Edition, published in October 2020.

He frequently presents for HDR and externally on construction documents and related matters and has authored over 35 feature-length articles and papers and 20 blog posts on this topic.