



MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS SCHOOL FACILITIES PLANNING & FINANCING

September 16-17, 2019

Delta Marriott Colonial - Governor meeting room
2301 Colonial Drive, Helena

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AGENDA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- 8:30 Coffee, tea and breakfast snacks
Registration and Welcome
- 9:00 **Funding Considerations** - Bridget Ekstrom (D.A. Davidson), Dan Semmens and Courtney Ellis (Dorsey & Whitney), and Louise Welsh (MT Board of Investments, INTERCAP Program)
- This group of experts will share the various methods and considerations involved with financing a construction project, including calculating debt limitation, INTERCAP loans and bond ratings.
- 10:45 **BREAK**
- 11:00 **Where to Start?** - Andy Becker (Hulteng, Inc.), Dusty Eaton (A & E Architects, P.C.), Marty Schuma (Dick Anderson Construction)
This "OAC" team (Owner's Rep, Architect, Contractor), will discuss how they organize and the steps you can take to get started and proceed with a facilities project.
- 12:30 **LUNCH** provided by Dorsey & Whitney, LLP
- 1:15 **The Role of a Construction Lawyer in the Design and Construction of School Projects** - Ross Eberlein (Dorsey & Whitney, LLP)
- Construction lawyers look out for the school district's needs, but they also help keep the entire design/construction team on task by thoughtfully documenting the path from design to project completion and properly allocating risk to align with the project team's goals. Standard form documents from the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and the Engineers Joint Contract Documents Committee (EJCDC) are fine places to start, but they are just that - starting points. Just like it takes a trained architect to design a new school building and a trained contractor to construct it, a lawyer who specializes in construction law helps capture the parties' understanding and goals in their contracts and provides guidance on the many questions, issues and changes that inevitably arise in the development of the project.
- 2:15 **Bond Elections** - Nicole Thuotte (OPI), Jeff Mangan (COPP) and Dan Semmens (Dorsey & Whitney)
- A review the steps and requirements for running a bond election, recent election changes, required reports to the Commissioner of Political Practices and other issues.
- 3:15 **BREAK**

3:30 **Project Information Sharing** - Tyler Ream (Superintendent) and Kalli Kind (Facilities Director)
➤ Representatives from Helena School District will share the details of their recent project(s).

4:30 **DONE**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:00 **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** sponsored by D.A. Davidson & Company

9:00 **Energy Performance Contracting** - Brian Solan (Ameresco) and Bonnie Rouse (MT Dept. of Environmental Quality)
➤ This session will provide an overview of the energy performance contracting process, including the benefits, drawbacks and specific information on actual Montana projects.

10:00 **Project Information Sharing** - Ron Whitmoyer (Superintendent) and Kim Aarstad (District Clerk/Business Manager)
➤ Representatives from East Helena School District will share the details of their recent project.

11:00 **BREAK**

11:15 **Accounting Issues** - Tony Gerharz, CPA (WipFli CPAs and Consultants)
➤ Tony will review accounting issues and practices associated with local government construction projects.

12:15 **Wrap-up**

12:30 **DONE**

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU to
DORSEY & WHITNEY, LLP for Monday's Luncheon
D.A. DAVIDSON & COMPANY for Tuesday's Breakfast**



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