



MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS SCHOOL FACILITIES FINANCING

September 27-28, 2021

Great Northern Hotel - Oriental Ltd. Meeting room
835 Great Northern Blvd., Helena

AGENDA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 8:30 Coffee, tea and breakfast snacks
Registration and Welcome
- 9:00 **Where to Start?** - Shane Swandal (Hulteng, Inc.), **Dusty Eaton** (A & E Architects, P.C.), and **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.
- Project Information Sharing** - **Jason Noyes** and Kevin McDonnell (Townsend Schools Board of Trustees)
➤ Representatives from Townsend School District will share the details of their recent projects together with the project professionals above and Bridget Ekstrom (D.A. Davidson) and Dan Semmens and Courtney Ellis (Dorsey & Whitney)
- 11:00 **BREAK**
- 11:15 **Funding Considerations** - **Bridget Ekstrom**, **Dan Semmens** and **Courtney Ellis**, 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.
- 12:30 **LUNCH** provided by Dorsey & Whitney, LLP
- 1:15 **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
- 2:15 **Bond Elections** - **Nicole Thuotte** (OPI), **Jeff Mangan** (COPP) and Dan Semmens
➤ 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 **Non-Appropriation Lease Purchase Financing** - Bridget Ekstrom, Dan Semmens and Courtney Ellis

4:00 **DONE**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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

9:00 **DPHHS/DEQ School ARMs Lead Testing** - **Dawn Nelson** (Montana DPHHS) and **Gregory Montgomery** (Montana DEQ)

- In this session you will learn about the administrative rules for lead testing in your schools, the health effects of lead and the lead sampling requirement.

10:00 **Project Information Sharing** - **Lisa Morgan** (Three Forks), **Kim Aarstad** (East Helena K-12) and **Tanya Roberts & Kristi Jacobs** (Anderson)

- A panel of school business officials and superintendents who have recently worked through the bond issuance and construction process will share helpful insights on their experiences.

11:00 **BREAK**

11:15 **Using ESSER funds for Facility Repair and Improvement Projects** - **Jeff Kirksey** and Mindi Askelson (OPI)

- Q & A session about using ESSER funds to support student health needs, such as repairs and improvements for school facilities to improve indoor air quality and to reduce the risk of virus transmission and exposure to other environmental health hazards.

12:15 **Wrap-up**

12:30 **DONE**

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