

Engineering Section Update

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Projects and Contracting: By the Numbers

Consultant Contracts

- In 2025, we had 83 consultant contracts & amendments totaling \$12.83M
 - 13 of these were planning items (\$1,313,114.65) – 10.2%
 - 35 of these were design items (\$7,153,382.43) – 55.8%
 - 29 of these were construction items (\$3,852,291.12) – 30.0%
 - 7 of these were FAA reimbursable agreements (\$510,398.60) – 4.0%
- Comparison: in 2024, we had 122 consultant contracts & amendments totaling \$19.97M



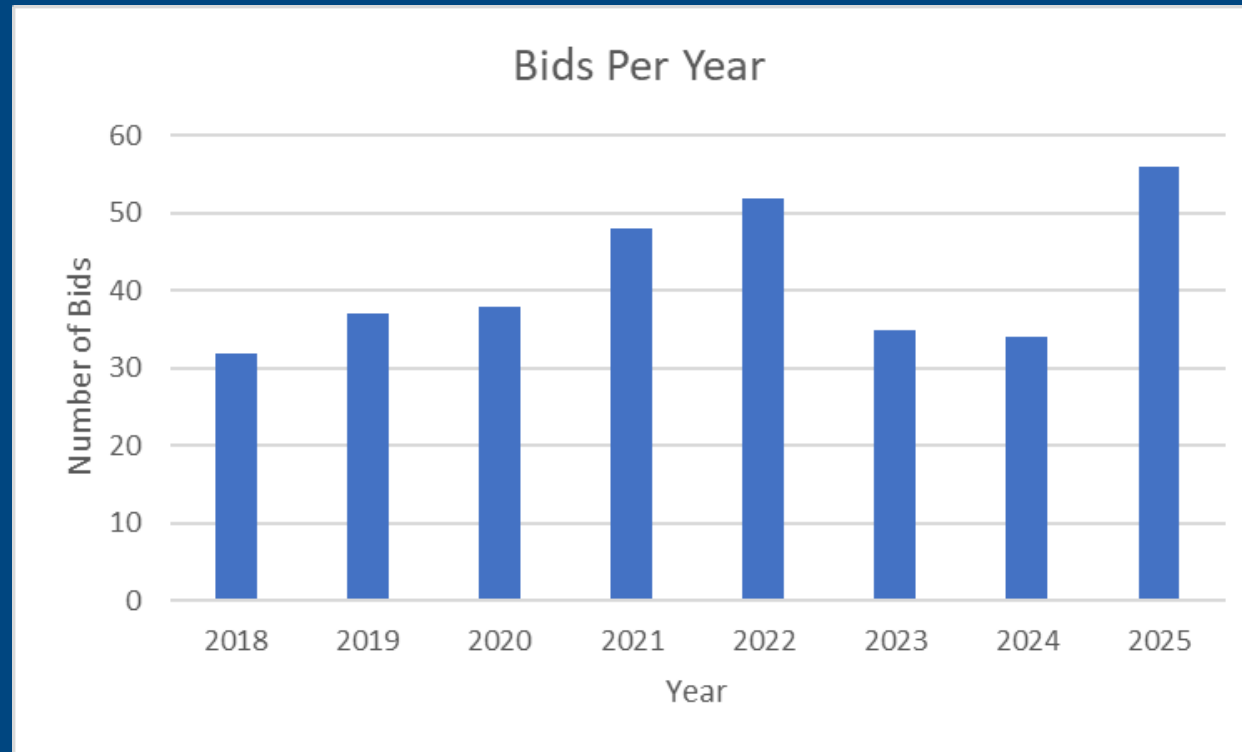
Projects and Contracting: By the Numbers

Construction Contracts

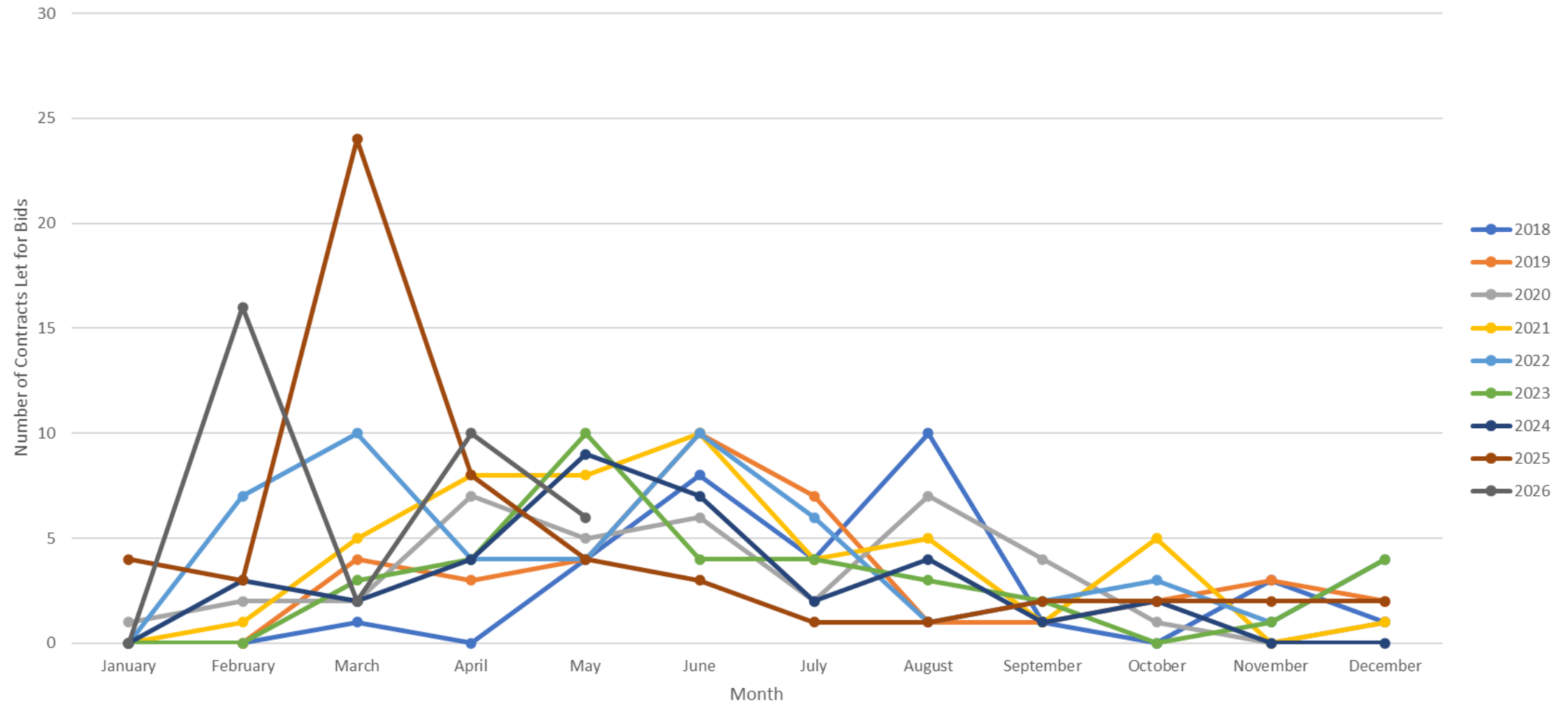
- In 2025, we had 18 construction contracts & 48 change orders totaling \$33.24M
 - Construction Contracts: \$29.34M – 92.3%
 - Change Orders: \$3.90M – 7.7%
- Comparison: in 2024, we had 34 construction contracts & 68 change orders totaling \$75.09M
- Please note: so far in 2026, we have had \$23.65M signed, which is above pace from 2024



Number of Bids per Year (2018-2025)



Distribution of Bids per Month (2018-present)



Project Examples



Door County Cherryland Airport
Obstruction Removal



Appleton International Airport Terminal
Concourse Expansion

Project Examples



Mauston-New Lisbon Union Airport
Runway Rehabilitation and Lighting
Reconstruction



Reedsburg Snow Removal Equipment



Staffing in Both Engineering Sections

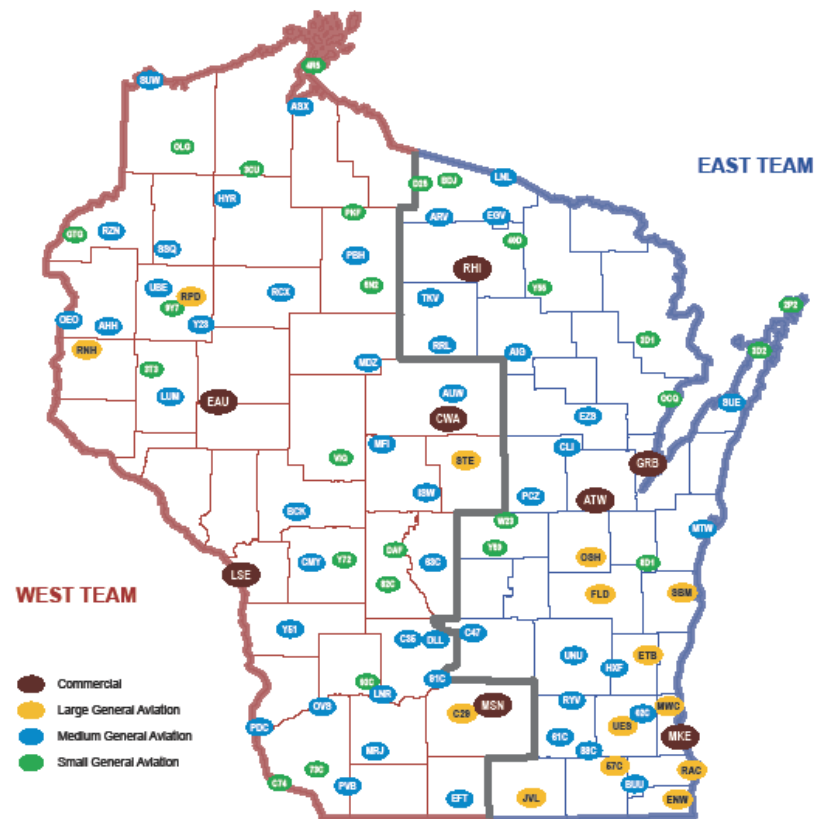
Several Changes to Staffing in Engineering Sections:

- Angus Pinkerton, Engels Vargas, Mat Brynick, and Evan Krueger departures
- Fabienne Placide, Michael Korsmeyer, Manny Tarin, Adam Reitz, and Eric Wittwer hired
- Addition of consultant staff to the sections
 - General Aviation Section (3):
 - Specialty Projects (MSA): Crack Seal, AWOS, SRE, Mowing
 - Eastern Wisconsin (TKDA)
 - Western Wisconsin (S.E.H.)
 - Primary Airports and Standards Section (1):
 - Policies and Standards (Centurion)



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Wisconsin State Split West vs. East



Staff on West and East Teams and Primary Airports

West Team:

- Colin Davidson: Western WI GA Engineering Unit Supervisor
 - Vacant Advanced Engineer
 - Fabienne Placide
 - Eric Wittwer

East Team:

- Manny Tarin: Eastern WI GA Engineering Unit Supervisor
 - Michael Korsmeyer
 - Sam Lee
 - Vacant Transportation Specialist

Primary Airport Team:

- Lucas Ward: Primary Airports and Standards Section Chief
 - Andy Trimble
 - Dan Minarcik
 - Adam Reitz
 - Vacant Contract Specialist



Changes in How BOA Staffs projects

Engineering sections moving to project assignment style of project management instead of assigned a project manager to an airport

- Allows for the staff assignments based on experience level and project complexity
- BOA staff will be working to become familiar with all airports in assigned area
- Project may be assigned a team as opposed to just a single project manager
- More experienced staff guiding others through the project development process



Changes in How BOA Staffs projects (continued)

Point of contact for airports will be shifted to the supervisors in the General Aviation (GA) Airports section and the Chief of the Primary Airports section.

- Once a project has an assigned project manager, please continue to coordinate with them
- Questions or coordination outside of an existing project should go to the supervisor or chief
- East Side GA Supervisor – Manny Tarin
- West Side GA Supervisor – Colin Davidson
- Primary Airport Chief – Lucas Ward



IIJA Projects

(Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act)

- In 2024, 2025, and so far this year, there has been a strong emphasis on delivering projects to utilize IIJA funds
- Types of Projects for 2026 Application Cycle:
 - Master Plans/Exhibit A Property Map Updates
 - Snow Removal Equipment
 - Hangar/SRE Buildings
 - Crack Sealing/Seal Coats
 - Navigational Aids
 - Environmental Assessments



IIJA Projects

(Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act)

- Looking forward for utilizing future IIJA funds
 - Please review your petition (6 years from resolution date)
 - Start looking ahead to start your project early
 - If your project is not shown in your current Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), please contact your Program Engineer (Ryan Porter or Marquis Young) to discuss updates.
- Upcoming Deadlines for Grants in 2027 (based on those from 2026)
 - Plan for **construction** projects to bid no later than **February 25, 2027**
 - Plan for **planning** contracts to have negotiated fees/scopes no later than **March 1, 2027**
 - Plan for **design** contracts to have completed Airport Layout Plan Pen & Ink Updates AND completed environmental documents, along with negotiated fees/scopes no later than **March 1, 2027**



Points of Emphasis for 2026

- Structured Project Development Process
 - Project start dates being added to Capital Improvement Plan to begin first of several meetings with you on a project.
 - Kickoff Meetings (very beginning of a project – Project Initiation Phase)
 - These will include the airport and are intended to set the broad scope of the project to be accomplished
 - Scoping Meetings (once a consultant is selected – Project Formulation Phase)
 - Completes the planning and environmental for the project
 - Final Design Meetings (30%, 60%, and 90%)
 - Pre-Bid Meeting
 - Pre-Construction Meeting



Points of Emphasis for 2026

- Communication
- Estimating
 - Better estimates help everyone (local budgets, ensure we are taking the appropriate federal funds in block grant, etc.)
 - These estimates feed into your Capital Improvement Plan
 - Master Plans develop a good Capital Improvement Plan that can be incorporated into the BOA's CIP for your airport
- Innovation/Updating Processes
- Stay up-to-date with your CIP – make sure the projects you would like to accomplish are accurately shown in your CIP. Talk to your Program Engineer if you need a change.



2026 Upcoming Construction Projects

- Waukesha County Airport: Runway Safety Area Improvements
- Door County Cherryland Airport: Rehabilitate Runway 02/20 and Reconstruct Taxiway A
- Viroqua Municipal Airport: AWOS Replacement
- Waupaca Municipal Airport: Construct 9-Unit T-Hangar Building
- Manitowish Waters Airport: Construct 6-Unit T-Hangar Building
- Snow Removal Equipment Delivery at several airports
- So many more!



Summary

- 2026 will see a lot of projects under construction and more working through planning and design
- We look forward to delivering a robust and diverse set of projects in 2026 and into 2027
- There is a large shift of how BOA is delivering projects, and the process improvements will help deliver projects on time
- Thank you all for your hard work (Airports, Consultants, FAA, BOA/DOT)



Any Questions?

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