



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 18, 2008**

**Attendees:**

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**Presentation:** *eBidboard* by James Moriarty and staff, from Construction Bidboard, Inc.

James and staff provided an informative presentation on:

1. How to advertise your project and post your contract documents on the web
2. Save on reproduction costs
3. Reduce staff time administering to bid package distribution
4. How to search for specific projects by keyword and county
5. How to obtain the project details & bid package
6. How to download plans, specs and addendum
7. How to search for and download RFPS & RFQS
8. How to obtain bid results and bid history
9. How to find subcontractors
10. How to research your competitors using eBidboard

Highlights of the presentation include:

- eBidboard is a free tool that automates the entire construction bid management process that eliminates the manual steps required to create, view, and share information related to construction projects.
- Currently, eBidboard only covers California and Nevada.

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- Over 700 California public agencies and 1,300 subscribers are represented in eBidboard.
- eBidboard enables the contracting community to input their work profile and type of projects they are looking for, making it an easy process to find projects and relevant information.
- eBidboard automatically emails new project postings and RFP's that meet specific work profile and interests.
- Projects can be quickly found using filters such as county, project owner, and keywords or phrases all within the web site.
- The website provides historical bid information that includes bid results and contractors.
- Provides access to real-time project information that includes online plans, specifications, and addenda.
- eBidboard can be found at [www.ebidboard.com](http://www.ebidboard.com).

Handouts included:

- Construction Bidboard, Inc. handout titled eBidboard: The Information Advantage.

Thank you James and staff for an outstanding presentation!

**General:**

**September 16, 2008 Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the minutes, which was seconded and minutes are approved with no corrections.

**Financial Statement Report:** PUG completed the financial state report and filing with the IRS, State Franchise Board, and Attorney General's Office. PUG had a net profit of approximately \$2,300 for 2007.

**By-Laws Update:** Current changes to non-profit organizations required the existing PUG By-Laws to be revised. PUG previously met with consultants to review the existing PUG By-Laws. A formal draft of the revised By-Laws has been received and the Board members are currently reviewing the document.

**Website Update:** PUG board members completed and executed a contract with a website development consultant to ameliorate the current Northern California PUG website. PUG anticipates 2 months for the completion of the new website.

**Announcements:** Please submit your 2008/2009 membership renewals. Remember that membership has numerous benefits, such as discounts for courses and conferences, participation in raffles held at random monthly meetings, discounts on attending the annual seminar, etc. Get your renewals and/or new member applications in today.

The North American Society for Trenchless Technology Cured-in-place Pipe (CIPP) Good Practices Course was held on **October 28, 2008** in Martinez, California at the Central San office. A total of 56 people attended the meeting. PUG is in the process of finalizing the total course expenditure. A big thanks to CCCSD for offering their facility to conduct the course.

SCC puts out The Boring Bulletin covering boring, drilling, and vacuum excavation applications. Free lunch & learn classes are offered monthly at the SSC headquarters from 11:30AM to 1:00PM, see [www.sscboring.com/education](http://www.sscboring.com/education) for more information. The classes include:

- Potholing Roads and Government Agencies – **December 4, 2008**
- Small Boring Unit Technology – **January 8, 2009**
- Trenchless Excavation Design – **February 5, 2009**
- Vacuum Technology – **March 5, 2009**

The Damage Prevention Conference and Expo will be held **December 9-10, 2008** in Las Vegas, Nevada at the Riviera Hotel and Casino. All registrations must be received by **November 21, 2008**. The conference will focus on managing risk, controlling liability related to costs, and preventing damage at the jobsite.

WEF Specialty Conferences 2009 include the following:

- Disinfection 2009 Conference in Atlanta, Georgia – **February 28 – March 3, 2009**
- AWWA/WEF Information Management & Technology Conference and Expo in Charlotte, North Carolina – **March 1 – 4, 2009**
- Collection Systems 2009 Conference in Louisville, Kentucky – **April 19 – 22, 2009**
- CWEA Conference in Palm Springs, California – **April 28 – May 1, 2009**
- Pipeline 2009 Conference in San Diego, California – **August 16 – 19, 2009**
- WEFTEC Exhibition & Conference in Orlando, Florida – **October 10 – 14, 2009**

Please contact Roberts McMullin for further information on any of these above announcements.

**Project Discussions:** Roberts McMullin of URS Corporation informed the group of a project that he is working on a project that involves the design of approximately 700 linear feet of welded steel pipe within a tunnel using internal butt strap joints.

Rolf Ohlemutz of Vallejo Sanitation & Flood Control District discussed a sanitary sewer rehabilitation project that involved the removal of a pipe in pipe liner without any anticipated issues.

Rob Caw of Underground Solutions spoke of three projects occurring in the bay area that all involve the use of fusible PVC pipe. The projects include: South San Francisco pipe bursting of approximately 9,000 linear feet, Burlingame pipe improvement of approximately 1,000 linear feet, and Atherton pipe improvement of approximately 5,000 linear feet.

Brian Chan of Foster City discussed an improvement project that will involve the repair of failed PVC T-Lock liners within manholes. The mode of failure is due to hydrogen sulfide in the sanitary sewer that has corroded the existing concrete. A recommendation was made to remove the existing T-Lock liner using heat and recoat the entire manhole with a new cementitious liner.

**Next Meeting:**

Our next general meeting will be held **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2008** at the offices of **Brown & Caldwell** located at **201 N. Civic Dr., Suite 300, Walnut Creek, CA**. The topic will be on **Desalination and Pipe Corrosion** given by Val Frenkel and Bob Ryder of Kennedy Jenks. Please call 510-874-3102 or email [rob\\_mcmullin@urscorp.com](mailto:rob_mcmullin@urscorp.com) to RSVP.