



EOD on Tour

On July 24, 2015 in the dark hours before dawn members of the Economic Opportunity Division of the Department of Transportation (“EOD”), led by DBE Certification Manager Derrick Casson, set out to Jeffersonville, Indiana to see the East

End Crossing of the Ohio River Bridge Project. The group had previously seen pictures of the spectacle they were voyaging to however they quickly found their expectations were minuscule in comparison to the enormity of the project.

The project planning phase began in March of 2012 and construction began in August the same year. The entire project covers over 8 miles, 4.5 miles on the Indiana side, 3.5 miles on the Kentucky side, and 2,500 feet across the Ohio River. EOD discovered that the billion dollar project, which includes around 100 bridges, has already made a large impact on the Jeffersonville community.



At the time of the tour, the recent monsoon like rain Indiana had experienced disrupted construction. The tunnel flooded twice as a result of the storms. EOD observed the brown Ohio River water and debris cluttered around the portion of the bridge on Indiana’s side of the project.



EOD saw many parts of the project on the Indiana side and greatly enjoyed seeing tax dollars at work. The project has created over 1000 jobs and is expected to be completed by October 31, 2016.

EOD looks forward to traveling south in the fall to tour Kentucky’s portion of the project, known as the Downtown Crossing.



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