

# Maintain Stakeholder Contacts, Research Industry Trends, Arrange Industry Group Liaison Meetings, and Promote Innovative Solutions to Continually Improve Structure Construction Processes

Structure Construction (SC) Technical Teams are encouraged to have dialogue with other stakeholders that share similar subject matter expertise. This is intended to promote the exchange of ideas and innovative solutions. While this is intended to promote the free flow of ideas, be aware that Technical Team members are not to act as agents of the Department unless specifically authorized to do so.

1. Technical Team members are encouraged to utilize Section 3.3(b), Professional Society and Organization Dues reimbursement, of the [Bargaining Unit 9 MOU](#) in order to join a professional society or organization aligned with the Technical Team's subject matter. Technical Team members could join different professional societies or organizations to broaden their sphere of influence.
2. Periodically review published material pertaining to Technical Team subject matter.
3. Network with external groups to strengthen industry ties. For example:
  - a. Contractor groups e.g. Associated General Contractors ([AGC](#)), United Contractors ([UC](#)).
  - b. Vendor groups and trade show i.e. World of Concrete.
  - c. Other State Agencies (e.g. Department of Water Resources ([DWR](#)), Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board ([OSHSB](#))).
  - d. Local Agencies and Transportation groups.
  - e. Consultant Engineer groups.
4. Establish and maintain a communication path with Division of Construction, Division of Engineering Services (DES) subdivisions, and other Caltrans functional units.
5. Networking with interested parties may be accomplished through regular meetings and/or personal contacts with other professionals in the field of expertise.
6. Develop an external contact list that the Technical Team can access.

7. Utilize the above contacts to help answer vendor's questions and direct them to the best person or committee to help bring awareness to new products.
8. Technical Team members should share new information and updates from meetings with other team members to enhance the overall technical expertise of the group.