

Rock Products Committee Partnering Concepts That Guide Our Relationship

We, the members of the California Rock Products Committee (RPC), agree to work together as a cohesive, cooperative team to deliver quality specifications for use by Caltrans, Industry, and other related parties that will result in delivering higher quality projects to the taxpayers and transportation system users of the state of California.

Since the inception of the RPC the primary goal has been a partnering relationship between Caltrans and Industry so that specifications can be continuously improved, developed and modified in the most effective manner possible. We are making a commitment to all parties involved in this process that partnering is the way we do business – anything short of a full commitment to partnering is not acceptable.

In a partnering relationship:

- Trust and open communication are encouraged and expected from all participants. Mutual respect and trust between all parties will be the expected standard.
- All parties address and resolve issues and problems promptly and at the lowest possible level. RPC members strive to develop solutions that are agreeable and meet the needs of everyone involved or that could be affected by the outcome (a win-win approach).
- RPC members identify common goals for the parties and at the same time are aware of and respect each other's goals and values.
- RPC members seek input from each other and others with knowledge that could benefit the group in an effort to find better solutions to the problems and issues at hand. This creates synergy in the relationship that fosters cooperation and improves the productivity of the RPC.
- Attitude, attitude, attitude is the key to successful partnering.

To instill the “win-win” attitude necessary for us to mutually resolve challenging issues, we must always keep our overarching values in mind. These values include trust, open communication, mutual respect, and a commitment to address issues promptly and at the lowest possible level. If we impart these values into our relationship, while working towards mutual goals, partnering truly will become our way of doing business. With a partnering business model, the taxpayers and transportation system users will benefit as we deliver high quality projects that improve our transportation system.