

Who makes an ideal WorkFace Planner?

Introduction

During this session the panel will discuss the education, and experience necessary to be a successful WorkFace Planner, as well as how they should be developed, and other related issues.

The Panel

- Jacob's Vice President Niels Frederiksen
- Aluma Systems Director and General Manager Mick Herke
- Kiewit Energy Canada Corp's Project Manager Sky Mitchell
- And your moderator Lloyd Rankin

Question 1 What background and experience do you require of your WorkFace Planners?

The entire panel agreed they required either Journeymen with 5 years experience and supervision experience at least the foremen's level or a technical background (possibly as a field engineer with at least 5 years related experience).

Question 2 How do you develop your WorkFace Planners?

The entire panel indicated that mentoring, education and giving the planners a variety of work experience was the way they developed their planners.

Question 3 What background and experience would you look for in a WorkFace Planning Lead?

The panel agreed they would be looking for an individual with previous experience as a WorkFace Planner, an understanding of multiple trades and a background similar to a superintendent. Typically these individuals would have 10 or more years of experience.

Question 4 How does WorkFace Planning fit in as a career path?

Each of the panel commented on how WorkFace Planning combined with other related construction experience could lead to a position as a WorkFace Planning Lead, Construction Superintendent or a position in Project Management.

Question 5 How important is being able to work with a variety of levels in an organization?

This is seen as a critical skill as WorkFace Planners need to communicate effectively with foremen, general foremen, superintendants and a variety of job functions in other departments.

Question 6 What is the product that WorkFace Planners are delivering?

FIWP, executable work in 1,000 to 2,000 hour packages that have all necessary information included and all constraints satisfied.

Question 7 Do you need WorkFace Planners in a lump sum environment?

Yes, it is even more important because any costs due to planning related inefficiencies are the contractor's responsibility.