

# Market Research: Job Order Contracting as an Alternative Project Delivery Method

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### Agenda

- Research Background
- Research Findings
- Practical Application
- Q&A





### Research Background



#### Why Study Construction Procurement Methods?



Public sector
procurement
procedures are
complicated and often
under-resourced.



Government agencies have various project delivery methods available.



Differences between project delivery methods are not widely understood.



#### Why Job Order Contracting?

JOC is an under-researched topic in construction management, so the research aimed to answer two main questions:

Are solicitation, transaction and coordination efforts different when implementing Job Order Contracting compared to other delivery methods?

How do contractor relationships and contract governance differ when using Job Order Contracting compared to other delivery methods?





# **Poll**

How familiar are you with Job Order Contracting?



#### **Job Order Contracting Definition**

A unique, indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity (IDIQ) procurement process that helps owners complete many projects through a competitively awarded contract.

# Part 1 Bidding the Umbrella Job Order Contract

Owner Advertises Job Order Contract Contractors Submit Bids



# Part 2 Procuring Individual Projects From Owner

- Owner Project A
- Owner Project B
- Owner Project C

- Subcontracting Opportunities
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#### **Typical JOC Project Examples**



Straightforward new construction



Repairs



Renovations



Replacement in-kind



Maintenance



Emergency Work



Time sensitive projects



**Alterations** 



#### **Construction Project Delivery Method Comparison**

	Suitability	Contract type	Role of the owner	Risk for the owner	
Design-Bid-Build	New construction	One contract-one project	Pick a designer to design project specification; evaluate bids; supervise the work executed by the contractor	Medium (owner oversees the project)	
Design build	Large projects with tight timeline	One contract-one project	Evaluate proposals	High (supplier oversees the project)	
Construction manager at risk	Very technical projects	One contract-one project	Pick a designer to design project specification	Very low (CM oversees the project and covers > GMP)	
Job Order Contracting	Routine, less-complex projects	One contract-multiple projects	Evaluate contract bids (upfront) Review/approve project proposals	Low	



#### **Survey Instrument**

Joint market research project between Gordian and NIGP to understand the effort needed to procure construction projects through JOC and how it compares to traditional project delivery methods - DBB, DB or CMAR

Survey was designed based on transaction costs theory and supplier relationship governance.

**355** total responses

59 shared their agency's experience with JOC

95 individuals only shared only descriptive information about the organization

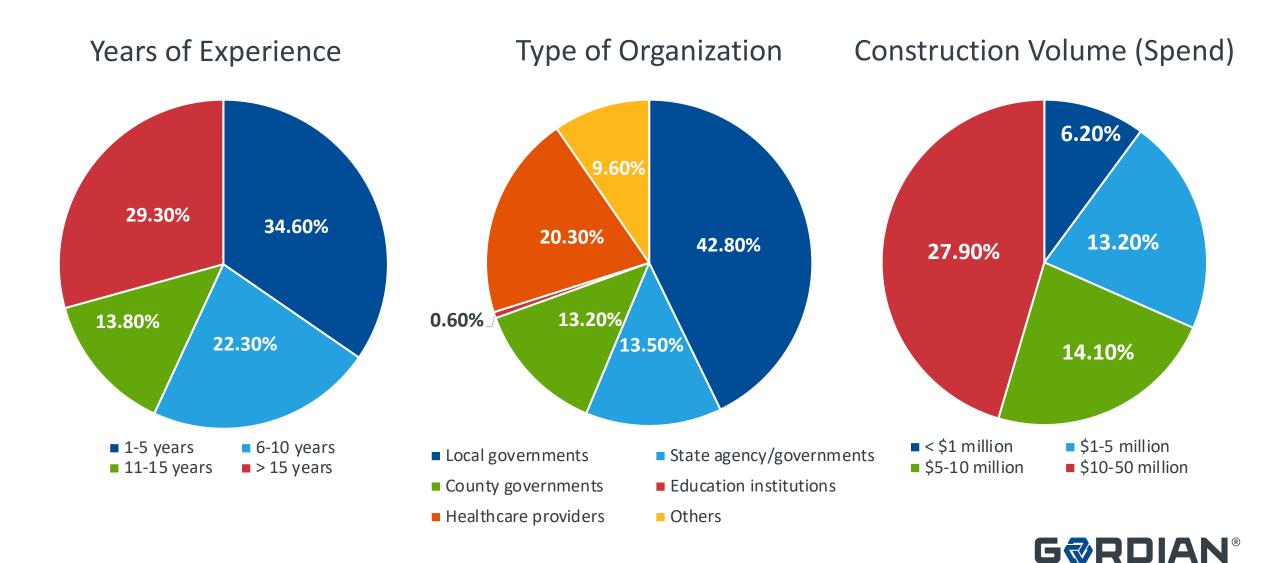
**30** shared information about JOC and other project delivery methods.

**171** shared their experience with other project delivery methods

**260** final usable sample responses

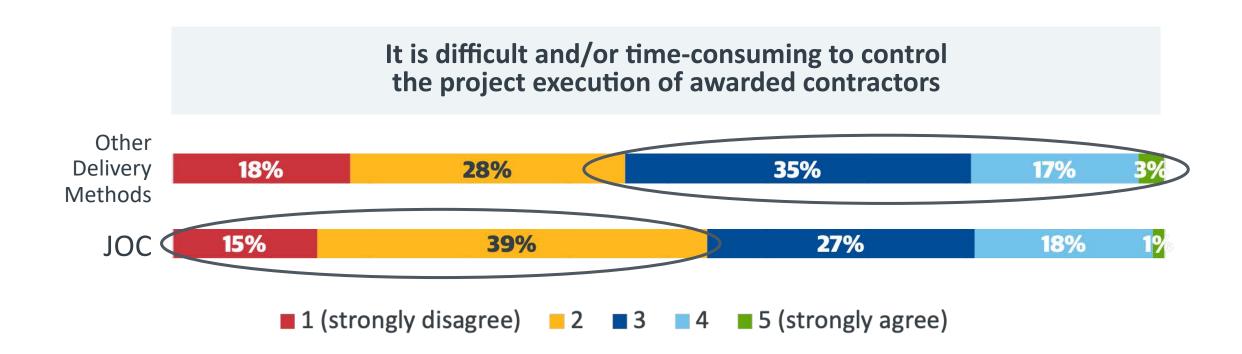


#### **Respondent Descriptive Statistics**



#### **Transaction Costs**

Any cost – human efforts and/or material and capital resources invested – involved in an economic transaction between a buyer and a supplier for the exchange of goods and services





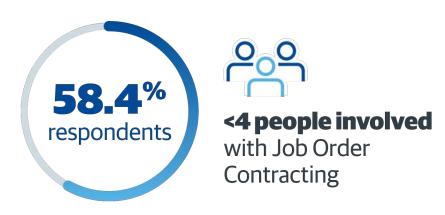


### **Research Findings**



# Finding 1 JOC Requires Less People

		JOC		Other project delivery methods	
		Freq	%	Freq	%
Number of employees involved in the	1-2	26	29.2%	34	16.9%
	3-4	26	29.2%	69	34.3%
construction	5-7	19	21.3%	49	24.4%
procurement process	8-10	10	11.2%	27	13.4%
	> 10	8	9.0%	22	10.9%









# **Poll**

How long does it take you to procure construction projects?



# Finding 2 JOC Takes Less Time Than Traditional Construction Procurement

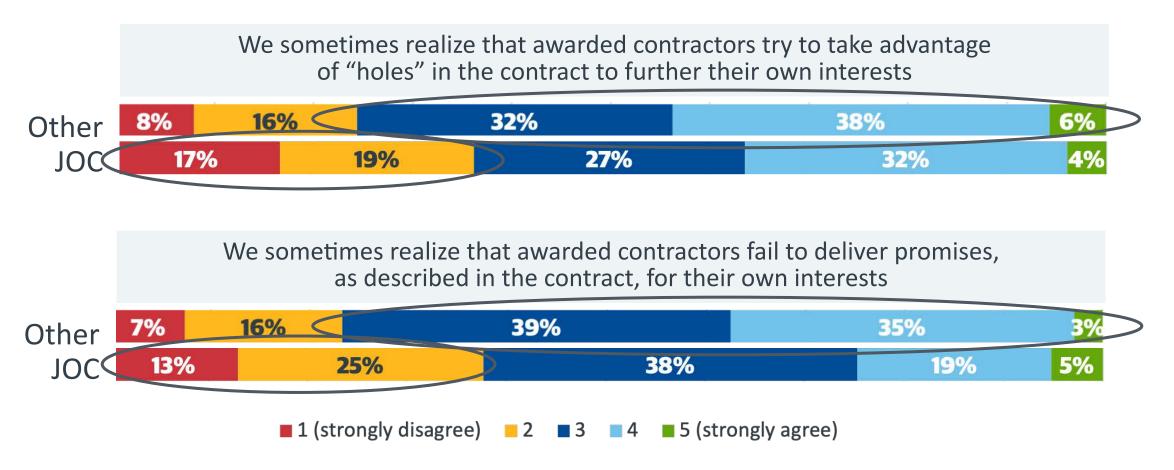
		JOC		Other project delivery methods	
		Freq	%	Freq	%
	< 2 weeks	11	12.4%	5	2.5%
Length of the	2-4 weeks	24	27.0%	16	8.0%
construction procurement	5-8 weeks	27	30.3%	32	15.9%
process	9-12 weeks	19	21.3%	46	22.9%
	> 12 weeks	8	9.0%	102	50.7%







# Finding 3 JOC Enables Greater Contract Governance for Owners and Better Relationships Between Owners and Contractors







### **Practical Application**





# **Poll**

What are your biggest construction procurement challenges?



#### **Main Benefits of JOC**



Requires less time and fewer people



Comparable transaction costs to traditional procurement



More effective governance of contractor relationship



#### Why Should the Public Sector Use JOC?



Cumbersome procurement procedures



Better relationship management w/ contractors



Innovation can help more projects get done



#### **Getting Started with JOC**

Complement to other project delivery methods

Proper project selection

Partner with JOC consultant

Design program to meet all applicable procurement laws

- ✓ Include both Trade and General Contractors
- Determine if custom or cooperative contract is right for your agency





Thank you!

Q&A

