

ICEV Update

October 20, 2006

- At the Masjid site, steel reinforcement for the women's prayer area (2nd floor) has been put in place. The next step in construction will be to pour concrete for this floor. A subcontractor has been lined up to do this work, however, they are currently awaiting City's permission to pour this concrete.
- The City of Chandler conducted a thorough inspection of the construction work completed to date when they came to inspect the steel work for the 2nd floor. Subsequently, the City's full inspection team provided a list of items to our project manager asking for some clarification on previous construction activities. These clarifications are primarily requested to ensure structural safety of the facility. Most of these items are on construction activities that took place with our previous contractor, Adaptive Inc. City is requiring us to conduct additional structural engineering calculations to demonstrate that the foundations and other load bearing structures are adequately designed and constructed. Our structural engineering team is working diligently to provide all of these clarifications to the City within a short period of time. Until these items are clarified with the City, concrete cannot be poured for the 2nd floor. We believe this is in the best interest of ICEV promoting a safe masjid building. We ask for your support and prayers in getting through this new challenge.
- Eid will be either on Sunday, October 22nd or Monday, October 23rd. It should be noted that the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) already declared that the Eid will be on the 23rd, however, the local Imams in the Valley have not finalized their decision. The local Imam Council will make a final decision on the evening of October 21st. Eid Prayer will be held at 10:00 AM at Phoenix Civic Plaza. Please call or check Tempe Masjid web site (www.tempe Masjid.com) on Saturday, October 21st after 8:00 PM for confirmation of Eid date. Please distribute your Zakat-ul-Fitr (\$8 per person irrespective of age) prior to the prayer as our Prophet (PBUH) urged us to do that before we pray the Eid prayer. If you have any question about fulfilling this obligation, please contact us or one of the masjids in the area.
- The Sunday Islamic School of ICEV will have their Eid break on the 29th of October.
- Please send your comments about this update to zchowdhury@cox.net