

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

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Design-Build Project

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1 INTRODUCTION

The Illinois Department of Transportation (“**IDOT**”) is pleased to present this Request for Qualifications (“**RFQ**”) to those entities or groups (the “**Proposers**”) interested in submitting Statements of Qualifications (“**SOQs**”) for the I-270 Overlay and Structures Repairs and Replacements Project (the “**Project**”) pursuant to a Design-Build contract (“**DB Contract**”).

The Project will be funded with state and federal dollars thereby requiring the Proposers to adhere to all pertinent federal requirements in addition to all State and local requirements.

IDOT has evaluated the Project and has determined, in accordance with Illinois law, that a Design-Build delivery method (“**DB Delivery**”) is in the State’s best interests for the Project. Such determination is documented by IDOT in the “Written Determination” and is available to Proposers on the IPD projects website at the following link:

[I-270 Designed Overlay and Structure Repairs Project – Written Determination](#)

The Proposer shall comply with and satisfy all requirements specified in this RFQ. Failure of a Proposer to meet these requirements may result in rejection or scoring negatively at the discretion of IDOT and the Chief Procurement Officer (“**CPO**”).

Section 2 of this RFQ provides a more detailed description of the Project; however, the Project description in this RFQ is general in nature. More precise descriptions and specifications will be provided to shortlisted Proposers in the forthcoming Request for Proposals (“**RFP**”).

1.1 Design-Build Procurement Process Overview

This RFQ is issued under the Innovations for Transportation Infrastructure Act, 630 ILCS 10/1 *et seq.* (the “**Act**”), as well as other State Laws, including certain provisions of the Illinois Procurement Code, 30 ILCS 500/1-1 *et seq.* (the “**Illinois Procurement Code**”). It is the intent of this procurement to use Illinois design professionals, construction companies, and workers to the greatest extent possible. IDOT intends, through this procurement, to enter into a DB Contract that will result in cost-effective and expedited completion of all elements of the Project. The DB Contract will obligate the contractor (“**Contractor**” or “**DB Contractor**”) to both design and construct the Project. IDOT will use a two-step procurement process to select a DB Contractor to deliver the Project.

This RFQ is issued as part of the first step (the “**RFQ Step**”) to solicit information from Proposers, in the form of SOQs, that IDOT will evaluate to determine which Proposers are the most qualified to successfully deliver the Project. IDOT intends to shortlist no more than five and no fewer than two Proposers that will be eligible to receive the RFP. IDOT may shortlist fewer than two Proposers if the Secretary of IDOT makes a finding that an emergency justifies the limited shortlisting or fewer than two Proposers meet any applicable prequalification, or pass-fail requirements set forth in this RFQ. A Proposer must be prequalified in accordance with IDOT’s Prequalification process prior to submitting an SOQ on a DB project for IDOT, the process for which is governed by Title 44 Illinois Administrative Code Section 650 for contractors and Section 625 for architect-engineer consultant firms, as further described in Section 2.8 of this RFQ.

In the second step, (the “**RFP Step**”), IDOT will issue an RFP for the Project to the shortlisted Proposers. Only the shortlisted Proposers will be eligible to submit Proposals (a “**Proposal**”) in response to the RFP for the Project. Following receipt and evaluation of Proposals, IDOT intends to award a DB Contract for the Project to the Proposer offering the best value Proposal, to be determined as described in the RFP.

Once the selection process is completed, the DB Contract will be executed and IDOT will issue notice to proceed to the DB Contractor in accordance with the DB Contract. If the highest-ranked Proposer is unable or unwilling to execute the DB Contract during the RFP Step, IDOT may award the Project to the Proposer with the next highest score.

The DB Contractor and Principal Participants, as defined in Section 2.9 of this RFQ, shall self-perform at least 35% of the construction Work.

1.2 Procurement Schedule

IDOT anticipates carrying out the procurement in accordance with the following schedule (the “**Procurement Schedule**”):

Table 1-1 Procurement Schedule

Milestone	Due Date/Time
Issue RFQ	July 31, 2026
Deadline for submitting Requests for Clarification (RFCs) for RFQ	August 14, 2026, 4:00 p.m.
SOQ due date	August 31, 2026, 4:00 p.m.
Notification of shortlisted Proposers	October 2026
Anticipated RFP issuance	October 2026
Proprietary Meetings (three)	November – December 2026
Anticipated deadline for submitting RFCs for RFP	December 2026
Anticipated RFP addenda (if any) issuance due date	January 2027
Anticipated Proposal due date	February 2027
Anticipated notification of DB Contractor selection	March 2027
Anticipated DB Contract award	April 2027
Target Substantial Completion	2029

All times mentioned above are prevailing Central Time in Springfield, Illinois.

The proposed schedule is subject to modification at the sole discretion of IDOT. IDOT reserves the right to revise this RFQ by issuing addenda before the SOQ due date. RFQ addenda, if any, will be posted on the IPD Procurements Website:

<https://webapps1.dot.illinois.gov/WCTB/LbHome>.

Proposers are responsible for monitoring the IPD Procurements Website for information concerning this procurement as mentioned in Section 2.3.

1.3 Definitions and Acronyms

Please refer to Exhibit 1 – RFQ Definitions and Acronyms of this RFQ for the meanings of various capitalized terms and acronyms used herein.

2 BACKGROUND INFORMATION; RFQ PROCESS

2.1 Project Goals

The following goals have been established for the Project:

- Improve the pavement and bridge conditions to provide a long-lasting and durable corridor that minimizes future maintenance needs and maximizes lifecycle performance.
- Minimize impacts to the traveling public.
- The Project design and construction will not restrict any potential future widening within the corridor.
- Provide minimum 16'-6" clearance under all overhead structures.
- Upgrade highway lighting, safety features and infrastructure to current design standards.
- Maximize opportunities for local contractor participation.
- Target and encourage participation from local, and small business initiative (SBI) and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) throughout design and construction.

2.2 Project Description, Scope, and Project Information

2.2.1 Project Description and Scope of Work

The Project includes the following scope items along 8.9 miles of the I-270 corridor in Madison County, Illinois from east of the IL 111 Interchange with I-270 to the east of the intersection of I-270 and I-55:

- Removing the existing hot mix asphalt overlay down to the existing concrete and replacing with hot mix asphalt pavement (Note: a concrete overlay will not be considered for the Project).
- Replacement of two mainline bridges to accommodate future corridor widening and the repair of mainline and overhead bridges.
- Regrading median ditch, clean inlets and storm sewers and installation of erosion controls.
- Removal, replacement and upgrade of bridge guardrails and median cable guardrails.
- Installation of new underdrains on both sides of the highway sections.
- Replacement of signage, interchange lighting and Weigh-In Motion facilities.

2.2.2 Project Information and Data

Project information and data are included in exhibits as follows:

- Exhibit 2 – Location Map
The map shows the Project location.
- Exhibit 3 – Preliminary Reference Information Documents
The Reference Information Documents ("RIDs") will be provided to the shortlisted Proposers during the RFP Step. The RIDs are for informational purposes only and are subject to revision, correction, or alteration. A list of preliminary RIDs has been provided in Exhibit 3. The RIDs provided may only be relied upon by a Proposer at its own risk and will not be considered contractual or binding in nature.
- Exhibit 4 – Preliminary Project Information Documents
Project Information Documents ("PIDs") are data driven, project studies or other related information provided by the Department and are intended to be relied upon by the Proposer. A list of preliminary PIDs has been provided in Exhibit 4. The PIDs will be provided to the shortlisted Proposers during the RFP Step.

The reference to any website in this RFQ is provided for reference and background information only. IDOT makes

no representation as to the accuracy, completeness, or pertinence of the information in any referenced website. In addition, IDOT shall not be responsible for any interpretations thereof or conclusions drawn therefrom. The information contained in any referenced website reflects information as of any date or time identified therein.

2.3 Communication Protocols

This RFQ has been posted to the IPD Procurements Website.

Information regarding this RFQ will be posted on the IPD Procurements Website. IDOT reserves the right to revise this RFQ at any time before the SOQ due date. Such revisions, if any, will be announced by addenda and posted on the IPD Procurements Website.

IDOT may make edits in addenda to this RFQ in response to Request for Clarification (RFC) requests. Alternatively, IDOT may respond to those questions that IDOT deems to be material and not adequately addressed through potential addenda to the RFQ. IDOT will post any such responses and/or addenda to this RFQ on the IPD Procurements Website, except RFC requests deemed confidential in IDOT's sole discretion as mentioned in Section 2.4.

Proposers are responsible for monitoring the IPD Procurements Website for information concerning this procurement as teams responding to this RFQ will be required to acknowledge in Form 5 – Acknowledgement of RFQ Revision and/or Addenda that they had access to all relevant materials and have received and reviewed all addenda posted thereon.

The IDOT Procurement Manager is as noted below:

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Illinois Department of Transportation
Bureau of Innovative Project Delivery
2300 South Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, Illinois, 62764
Email: DOT.IPD.I-270Project@Illinois.gov

2.4 Requests for Clarification (RFCs) or Questions

All RFCs must be received by IDOT at the email address mentioned in Section 2.3 above by the applicable deadline in Section 1.2. Proposers must submit all RFCs through a single authorized representative designated by the Proposer. RFC(s) submitted after the submission deadline may be considered and responded to by IDOT at the sole discretion of IDOT.

Each RFC is required to be submitted using Form 10 – RFC Submittal Form. Only one RFC is permitted on each form. Consistent with the RFC Submittal Form, all RFCs must: (a) include the RFC Number, (b) include the name of the Proposer; (c) include the name, telephone number, and email address of the Proposer's authorized representative; (d) identify the relevant RFQ form, exhibit, section(s), and page number(s), as applicable, or indicate if it is a general question or request; (e) include the clarification requested or Proposer's question; (f) not identify the Proposer in the body of the question or request; and (g) not conspicuously indicate whether the Proposer views its question or request as confidential or proprietary in nature. If a Proposer submits any RFC that it deems to be confidential or proprietary in nature, the Proposer shall enclose with the Form 10 - RFC Submittal Form a separate statement justifying Proposer's assessment.

IDOT will respond to Proposers' RFCs within a reasonable time following receipt, subject to any deadlines set forth in the Procurement Schedule. IDOT will post to the IPD Procurements Website all written responses to material or generally applicable RFCs that do not contain confidential or proprietary information. IDOT may also rephrase or consolidate RFCs and may provide clarification independent of Proposers' RFCs.

IDOT intends to respond individually to those RFCs identified by the Proposer and deemed by IDOT as containing

confidential or proprietary information. IDOT reserves the right to disagree with a Proposer's assessment regarding confidentiality or the proprietary nature of information in an RFC, in the interest of maintaining a fair process or complying with applicable laws. Under such circumstances, IDOT will inform the Proposer and may allow the Proposer, within a time period set by IDOT, to withdraw the RFC, rephrase the RFC, or have the RFC answered non-confidentially; provided, however, that if IDOT determines that it is appropriate to provide a general response, IDOT reserves the right to modify the RFC to remove information IDOT deems confidential or proprietary. If a Proposer fails to respond to IDOT within the time frame identified by IDOT, such failure will be deemed to allow IDOT to answer the question non-confidentially.

2.5 Improper Communications and Contacts

The following rules of contact with IDOT or a consultant, agent or representative of IDOT apply during the procurement for the Project, effective as of the date of issuance of this RFQ through the execution of the DB Contract. Contact includes face-to-face, telephone, facsimile, email or formal written communication, directly or indirectly with the Proposer or by an agent, representative, promoter, or advocate of the Proposer.

The specific rules of contact are as follows:

- After submittal of SOQs, no Proposer or any of its team members may communicate with another Proposer or its team members with regard to the RFQ, RFP, or either team's SOQ or Proposal; subcontractors that are shared between two or more Proposer teams may communicate with their respective team members so long as those Proposers establish reasonable protocols to ensure that the subcontractor will not act as a conduit of information between the teams (contact among Proposer organizations is allowed during informational meetings sponsored by IDOT).
- Proposers shall correspond with IDOT regarding the RFQ and RFP only through the IDOT Procurement Manager or the designated representative.
- Commencing with the issuance of this RFQ and continuing until the earliest of (i) award and execution of the DB Contract, (ii) rejection of all Proposals by IDOT, or (iii) cancellation of the procurement, no Proposer or representative thereof is allowed to have any ex parte communications regarding the RFQ, RFP, or the procurement described herein with any IDOT staff, advisors, contractors, or consultants involved with the procurement or the Project, except for communications with IDOT consultants who have completed their services for the Project and have been released by the applicable agency(-ies), or communications expressly permitted by the RFQ or RFP, or except as approved in writing in advance by IDOT. The foregoing restriction does not, however, preclude or restrict communications regarding matters unrelated to the RFQ, RFP, or the procurement, or limit participation in public meetings or any public or Proposer workshop related to this RFQ or the RFP. Any Proposer engaging in such prohibited communications may be disqualified at the sole discretion of IDOT.
- Proposers shall not contact the stakeholders regarding the Project, including employees, representatives, members, consultants, and advisors of the entities listed below, except as specifically approved in advance by IDOT in writing:
 - IDOT (except as provided herein) including all divisions and district offices
 - Any consultant, agent, or representative of IDOT
 - Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
 - U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT)
 - Utilities in or along the Project corridor
 - Railroads with railways in or crossing the Project
 - US Army Corps of Engineers

- Illinois Department of Natural Resources
- City of Edwardsville
- Village of Glen Carbon
- City of Maryville
- City of Troy
- Village of Pontoon Beach
- Madison County
- Madison County Transit
- Conflicted firms listed in Section 2.10

For the avoidance of doubt, Proposers are encouraged to seek approval in advance by IDOT in writing before contacting any project stakeholder or third party that are not members of or potential members of a Proposer.

IDOT will provide any necessary coordination during the RFQ Step with appropriate stakeholders, so that, among other things, the procurement is implemented in a fair, competitive and transparent manner and using uniform information.

- Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Proposers shall not contact any FHWA project or program office, or any representative or consultant of FHWA, regarding any SEP-14, SEP-15 or other applications that may be submitted to FHWA or USDOT.
- Any communications determined to be prohibited or improper, at the sole discretion of IDOT, may result in disqualification. Any official information regarding the Project will be disseminated by IDOT on IDOT or Project letterhead. Any official IDOT correspondence will be in writing and signed by the IDOT Procurement Manager or his/her designee. IDOT will not be responsible for, and Proposers may not rely on, any oral exchange or any other information or exchange that occurs outside the official process specified herein.

2.6 News Releases

Any news releases by a Proposer pertaining to this RFQ or the services, study, data, or Project to which it relates will not be made without prior written IDOT approval, and then only in accordance with the explicit written instructions from IDOT.

2.7 Disclosure

All information in a Proposer's SOQ and any contract resulting from this procurement process are subject to disclosure under the provisions of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq. and Section 11.1 of this RFQ.

2.8 Pre-qualification

Proposers will be expected to satisfy IDOT's general prequalification requirements for the Project as specified by IDOT in this Section 2.8 prior to submitting their SOQ. IDOT will evaluate the Proposer's team qualifications, Proposer experience, team diversity, and financial viability as provided by Proposers in their SOQ. IDOT is not precluded from including additional prequalification criteria or factors to assess the technical experience or financial capability of Proposer teams.

Firms not already prequalified by IDOT must complete the prequalification process prior to submitting their SOQ. Generally, the prequalification process involves submission of (i) an application form consisting of, among other

things, questions regarding firm and individual experience and equipment, and (ii) financial information. This process may take up to eight weeks.

Proposers may contact the appropriate IDOT staff identified in Section 2.3 to apply for prequalification or discuss the prequalification process or requirements generally; provided, however, that neither this Project nor this procurement may be discussed with IDOT staff except in accordance with Section 2.3. Any RFCs regarding prequalification requirements for this Project and procurement processes and evaluations with respect thereto must be submitted to the IDOT Procurement Manager contact in accordance with Section 2.3.

2.8.1 Prequalification for Contractors

IDOT's general prequalification requirements for contractors are governed by Title 44 Illinois Administrative Code Section 650.

IDOT anticipates the following prequalification categories will be required for contractors to receive authorization to execute the DB Contract. (Note: values provided with the prequalification categories represent IDOT's estimate of the proportion of the total construction cost applicable to that prequalification category).

- 01-Earthwork: 6%
- 03-Hot-Mix Asphalt (HMA) Plant Mix: 38%
- 09-Structures (Highway, Railroad, and Waterway): 1%
- 10-Structures Repair: 8%
- 12-Drainage: 5%
- 14-Electrical: 10%
- 17-Concrete Construction: 11%
- 32-Cold Milling, Planing and Rotomilling: 3%

Additional information regarding contractor prequalification is available at:

<https://idot.illinois.gov/procurement/prequalification-and-registration/contractors/prequalification.html>

2.8.2 Prequalification for Design/Engineering Firms

IDOT's general prequalification requirements are subject to prequalification, licensing, and registration requirements pursuant to the Professional Engineering Practice Act of 1989 (225 ILCS 325/1 et seq.), the Illinois Architecture Practice Act of 1989 (225 ILCS 305/1 et seq.), the Structural Engineering Practice Act of 1989 (225 ILCS 340/1 et seq.), and the Illinois Professional Land Surveyor Act of 1989 (225 ILCS 330/1 et seq.). IDOT maintains on its website a list of firms prequalified by IDOT pursuant to Section 20 of the Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying Qualifications Based Selection Act (30 ILCS 535/1 et seq.) to provide architectural, engineering and land surveying services and pursuant to Title 44 Illinois Administrative Code Section 625.

IDOT anticipates the following prequalification categories will be required for design/engineering firms to receive authorization to execute the DB Contract. (Note: values provided with the prequalification categories represent IDOT's estimate of the proportion of the total design cost applicable to that prequalification category).

- Structures (Highway - Typical): 9%
- Highways (Freeways): 91%

This list and other information regarding prequalification for professional services is available at:

<https://idot.illinois.gov/procurement/prequalification-and-registration/consultant/prequalification.html>

2.9 Principal Participants

As used herein, the term “Principal Participant” means any of the following entities: (i) any joint venture, partner, or firm holding an interest in the DB Contractor if the DB Contractor is a joint venture, partnership, or other form of unincorporated legal entity; (ii) any person or firm holding (directly or indirectly) a 15% or greater interest in the DB Contractor if the DB Contractor is a corporation, limited liability company, or other form of incorporated legal entity; (iii) parent company or Affiliate of the DB Contractor or another Principal Participant that will provide financial support to such firm (guarantor) to meet the financial obligations of the DB Contract, or (iv) the lead engineering/design firm(s); and each engineering/design sub-consultant that will perform 30% or more of the design work.

2.10 Organizational Conflicts of Interest

Proposers are advised that IDOT’s conflicts of interest policy may preclude certain firms and their subsidiaries and Affiliates from participating on a Proposer team, as determined by IDOT. It is IDOT’s policy that any consultant, agent or representative under contract, or previously under contract, with IDOT to prepare procurement documents, preliminary plans, planning reports, or other project development products for the Project that could provide a competitive advantage to a Proposer team will not be allowed to participate in any capacity on a Proposer team. Exceptions to this policy may be granted by IDOT in accordance with the process for review of potential conflicts of interest described below.

Proposers are prohibited from teaming with, receiving any advice from, or discussing any aspect of the Project or its procurement, with any person or entity with an organizational conflict of interest, including, but not limited to:

- RS&H, Inc.
- Mayer Brown LLP
- Metro Strategies Group, LLC
- Peralte-Clark, LLC
- Crawford, Murphy, & Tilly, Inc.
- EFK Moen, LLC
- Images, Inc.
- Arcadis U.S., Inc.
- Program Management & Control Services, LLC (PMCS)
- SRF Consulting Group, Inc.
- Bacon Farmer Workman Engineering & Testing, Inc.

Any entity that is a parent, affiliate, or subsidiary, at any tier, of any of the foregoing entities, or that is under common ownership, control, or management of any of the foregoing entities (“**Related Entities**” of the foregoing) may also be precluded from participating on or advising a Proposer team due to an organizational conflict of interest.

Proposers are advised that any entities who are selected by IDOT as part of the DB Contractor to deliver the Project will be precluded from pursuing the associated Construction Oversight Team contract for the Project being advertised through the IDOT Professional Transportation Bulletin.

Any Proposer wishing to team with, receive advice from or discuss any aspect of the Project with one of the foregoing entities or one of their Related Entities are required to first submit to the IDOT Procurement Manager (email provided in [Section 2.3](#)) a request for review of the entity’s potential conflict of interest. This request must take the form of a statement disclosing all relevant facts concerning any past, present, or currently planned interests which may present an organizational conflict of interest with respect to the Project, including the facts and

circumstances of the relevant entity's current or past involvement with the Project (or any portion thereof) and the nature of its proposed participation with a Proposer team with respect to the Project. The Proposer shall state how the interests of such entity, including interests of any chief executives, directors, or Key Personnel thereof, may result in, or could be viewed as, an organizational conflict of interest. The Proposer's request must specifically disclose whether the relevant entity at any time (a) was involved in the preparation of procurement documents, technical criteria, or evaluation criteria for the Project or any portion thereof (including the Project), or any other DB project; or (b) participated in meetings or conference calls with IDOT or with IDOT's consultant team (technical, legal or financial advisors) related to the Project.

Based upon a review of the information submitted, IDOT will determine whether the entity will be precluded from participating in or advising the Proposer team due to an actual or potential conflict of interest under applicable law and/or IDOT's conflict of interest policy - 23 CFR, subsection 636.116 and Illinois Procurement Code Section 50-13 Conflicts of Interest (30 ILCS 500/50-13). If the entity's participation is permitted, IDOT may identify any actions that must be taken to avoid, neutralize, or mitigate the conflict.

Proposers are advised that other IDOT consultants working on the Project may have an organizational conflict of interest. Proposers are encouraged to review the policy and applicable laws and discuss potential conflicts of interest with prospective team members and consultants.

Proposers are also advised that IDOT's conflicts of interest policy is intended to augment applicable federal and State law, including, but not limited to, federal organizational conflict of interest laws and rules (including 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 636.116) and the laws and rules relating to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Such applicable law will also apply to Proposer teams and teaming and may preclude certain firms and their entities from participating on a Proposer team.

By submitting its SOQ, each Proposer agrees that, if an organizational conflict of interest is thereafter discovered, the Proposer must make an immediate and full written disclosure to IDOT that includes a description of the action that the Proposer has taken or proposes to take to avoid or mitigate such conflicts. If an organizational conflict of interest that the Proposer knew or should have known about, but did not disclose, is determined to exist during the procurement process, IDOT may disqualify the Proposer. If an organizational conflict of interest that the Proposer knew, or should have known about, but did not disclose, exists, and the Proposer has entered into a DB Contract as the DB Contractor, IDOT may, at its sole discretion, terminate the DB Contract. IDOT may pursue other remedies as available by law.

2.11 Changes to Organizational Structure

Key Personnel or Principal Participants identified by the Proposer in the SOQ may not be removed, replaced, or added without written approval from IDOT. IDOT may remove a Proposer from the shortlist or revoke an awarded DB Contract if any Key Personnel or Principal Participant identified in the SOQ is removed, replaced, or added without IDOT's prior written approval. The Proposer cannot change or substitute any Key Personnel or Principal Participant except due to voluntary or involuntary termination of employment, retirement, death, disability, incapacity, or as otherwise approved by IDOT. The IDOT Procurement Manager, in his/her sole discretion, will determine whether to authorize a change. Job duties and responsibilities of Key Personnel and Principal Participants cannot be delegated to others for the duration of the DB Contract.

Any request for changes in Key Personnel or a Principal Participant must be submitted to the IDOT Procurement Manager prior to the deadline indicated in the procurement schedule provided with the RFP. However, it is recommended that such change request must be submitted as soon as the Proposer knows about the change required. The written request must be submitted utilizing Form 9 – Changes to Principal Participant and Key Personnel indicating the proposed change, identifying the cause for the change, and demonstrating that the change will be equal to or better than the Principal Participant, or Key Personnel submitted in the SOQ. The determination of "equal or better" qualifications will be at IDOT's discretion. In addition to Form 9 – Changes to Principal Participant

and Key Personnel, all such requests for change in Key Personnel must be accompanied by a resume, applicable licenses and any other information required for the Key Personnel position as per this RFQ. For changes to Principal Participants, in addition to Form 9 – Changes to Principal Participant and Key Personnel, all such requests must be accompanied by all forms required to be submitted by the RFQ with the new organization's information. IDOT will use the criteria specified in this RFQ to evaluate all change requests.

If the Proposer requests to change a Principal Participant or Key Personnel after notification of the shortlist and IDOT approves the change, in that case IDOT will reassess the Proposer's SOQ and determine whether the substitution affects the Proposer's eligibility to be named to the shortlist. IDOT can remove the Proposer from the shortlist based on such reassessment of the SOQ.

2.12 Security, Insurance, and Indemnity

The DB Contractor will be required to provide payment and performance bonds as part of the security package under the DB Contract, in conformance with the Illinois Public Construction Bond Act, 30 ILCS 550/0.01 et seq. The DB Contractor will be required to provide with their SOQ a surety letter in the amount of \$200,000,000. The DB Contractor will be required to provide a performance bond and a payment bond of 100% of DB Contract price prior to beginning of any construction Work for the Project.

The DB Contractor will also be required to provide a proposal bond on a form acceptable to IDOT with their Proposal during the RFP Step, executed by a corporate surety company satisfactory to IDOT, or a proposal guaranty check consisting of a bank cashier's check or a properly certified check. The proposal guaranty amount will be set forth in the RFP.

The DB Contractor will also be required to provide primary insurance coverage for and to indemnify, defend and hold IDOT and related entities and persons harmless against third party and other claims as specified in the DB Contract.

More specific requirements for the performance security (including the acceptable form and amounts thereof), proposal guarantee, insurance, including professional liability insurance, and indemnification will be set forth in the RFP and DB Contract.

2.13 Federal Requirements

Proposers are advised that the procurement documents will be drafted based on the assumption that the Project will be eligible for federal aid funds. Therefore, the procurement documents and the DB Contract must conform to requirements of applicable federal law, regulations, and policies. IDOT anticipates that certain federal procurement requirements will apply, including but not limited to Equal Opportunity requirements (Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended), requirements applicable to DBEs (49 CFR Part 26, as amended), Small Business requirements (United States Code Sections 631 et seq.), Buy America requirements (49 CFR 661) and Davis-Bacon wage rates. IDOT reserves the right to modify the procurement process described herein to address any concerns, conditions, or requirements of federal agencies, including the FHWA. Proposers shall be notified in writing via an addendum of any such modifications.

2.14 Equal Employment Opportunity

The Proposer will be required to follow equal employment opportunity policies of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and of the State of Illinois, including, but not limited to, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1963, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 2000 *et seq.*); the Equal Pay Act (29 U.S.C. § 206(d)); the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 (29 U.S.C. § 621 *et seq.*); the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. § 12101 *et seq.*); Title II of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 (42 U.S.C. § 2000 *ff et seq.*); Nondiscrimination (23 U.S.C. § 140(a)); Section 2-105 of the Illinois Human Rights Act (775 ILCS 5/ *et seq.*) the Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act (30 ILCS 570/ *et seq.*) and the Illinois Works Apprenticeship

Initiative (30 ILCS 559/20-20 to 20-25).

2.15 Disadvantaged Business Enterprises

It is the policy of IDOT that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (“**DBEs**”), as defined in 49 CFR Part 26, and other small businesses will have the maximum feasible opportunity to participate in contracts financed in whole or in part with public funds. IDOT has established a DBE program in accordance with regulations of the USDOT, 49 CFR Part 26 and the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575/4), as well as the federal contractual requirements set forth in FHWA Form 1273. In this regard, the Proposer will take all necessary and reasonable steps in accordance with 49 CFR Part 26 to ensure that DBEs have the maximum opportunity to compete for and perform the DB Contract. Additional DBE requirements will be set forth in the RFP and DB Contract.

IDOT will establish two separate DBE utilization goals for the Project. The anticipated DBE utilization goal for the design Work will be 20 % of the design Work price, and the anticipated DBE utilization goal for the construction Work will be 18 % of the construction Work price.

2.16 Project Labor Agreement

Proposers are advised that the Project is subject to the Illinois Project Labor Agreements Act, 30 ILCS 571/ et seq., (“**PLA Act**”) and a project labor agreement will be required for the Project. The DB Contractor and any subconsultant, subcontractor, or any other person or entity shown on the Proposer’s organizational chart shall comply with all requirements of the applicable project labor agreement and the PLA Act.

3 CONTENT OF STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

This Section 3 describes specific information to be included in the SOQ. SOQs should follow the outline of this Section 3. Proposers should provide brief and concise information that addresses the requirements of the Project consistent with the evaluation criteria described in this RFQ. SOQs are required to be submitted exclusively in the English language, inclusive of English units of measure and cost terms in United States of America dollar denominations.

3.1 Introduction

The RFQ Step of the procurement process is intended to enable Proposers to demonstrate their qualifications to provide all required design and construction services for the Project, and to enable IDOT to evaluate those qualifications in arriving at a shortlist. Proposers are advised that the SOQ should include specific information that will demonstrate the qualifications and experience required by this RFQ. Proposers should note that it is not the intent of IDOT to receive Project-specific design or engineering recommendations as part of this RFQ.

The SOQ will consist of all information required under this Section 3 to be submitted in the order set forth in Section 4.2. Proposers should complete the SOQ Checklist (Form 1 – Statement of Qualifications Checklist and Contents) and include it in their SOQs. The purpose of the SOQ Checklist is to aid the Proposer in ensuring all submittal requirements have been included in the Proposer's SOQ and to provide a page reference indicating the location of each submittal requirement in the SOQ.

IDOT reserves the right to verify any information, including prior experience, identified in an SOQ by contacting project references, accessing public information, contacting independent parties, or any other means. IDOT also reserves the right to request additional information from a Proposer during the evaluation of that Proposer's SOQ.

If the Proposer has concerns about information included in its SOQ that may be deemed confidential or proprietary, the Proposer shall adhere to the requirements set forth by Section 11.2.

3.2 Letter of Submittal

The letter of submittal ("**Letter of Submittal**") must be on the Proposer's letterhead and identify the full legal name and address of the Proposer. The DB Contractor is defined as the legal entity who will execute the DB Contract with IDOT. The Letter of Submittal must be signed by an authorized representative of the Proposer's organization.

3.2.1 Letter of Submittal Content

Specifically, the Letter of Submittal must provide the following:

- A. Identify the name, title, address, phone number, and e-mail address of an individual who will serve as the point of contact (the "Designated Contact") for the Proposer.
- B. Identify the name, address and telephone number of the individual who will serve as the "Principal Officer" of the Proposer (e.g., President, Treasurer, Chairperson of the Board of Directors, etc.).
- C. Identify whether the Proposer will be structured as a corporation, limited liability company, general partnership, joint venture, limited partnership or other organizational form. Identify the team members who will undertake fiscal responsibility for the Project and describe any liability limitations. If the Proposer is a limited liability company, partnership or joint venture, describe the bonding approach that will be used and the members of such organizations who will have joint and several liability for the performance of the Work required for the Project. If the Proposer is a consortium, partnership, or any other form of joint venture, provide a summary of the key terms of the executed or anticipated teaming agreement, including percentages of ownership, roles of the various parties, and execution date (actual or anticipated). Such summary of key terms will be excluded from the page limit. All Principal Participants included in the Proposer team are to be clearly listed in the Letter of Submittal.

- D. Identify the full legal name of the DB Contractor for this Project. The DB Contractor is the entity responsible for overall design and construction of the Project and will serve as the legal entity who will execute the DB Contract with IDOT. If the name is a “doing business as” or “DBA,” identify underlying names. If the Proposer entity has not been legally formed yet, state that a legal entity has not yet been created, provide a proposed name (if any) or a temporary name for the Proposer, and describe the expected timing for creating a legal entity for the Proposer. Identify the legal name and nature of the Proposer and the state within which it was organized, or for Proposers that have not formed a legal entity yet, identify the proposed legal name and nature of the Proposer and the state within which Proposer expects to organize the entity.
- E. Provide a written statement within the Letter of Submittal that the Proposer is committed to achieving DBE utilization goals for the Project as mentioned in Section 2.15.

3.2.2 Letter of Submittal Forms

The Proposer must attach the following Letter of Submittal forms indicated below to the SOQ. Information provided in these forms will not count towards the overall page limitation in Section 4.2. Information required by this section will be evaluated on a pass/fail basis.

- A. Form 2 – Affiliated and Subsidiary Companies of the Proposer - Provide the full legal name and address of all affiliated and/or subsidiary companies on Form 2 - Affiliated and Subsidiary Companies of the Proposer, and indicate which companies are affiliates and which companies are subsidiaries. An executed Form 2 - Affiliated and Subsidiary Companies of the Proposer must be provided by all members of the Proposer’s team including the Proposer, Principal Participants, and any subconsultant, subcontractor, or any other entity on the Proposer’s organizational chart included in the SOQ. An Affiliate is considered as any business entity that is so closely associated to another business entity that one entity controls or has power to control the other entity either directly or indirectly; or, when a third party has the power to control or controls both; or where one business entity has been so closely allied with another business entity through an established course of dealings, including but not limited to the lending of financial wherewithal, engaging in joint ventures, etc. as to cause a public perception that the two firms are one entity. Firms which are owned by a holding company or a third party, but otherwise do not meet the above conditions and do not have interlocking directorships or joint officers serving, are not considered to be Affiliates. If the Proposer does not have any affiliated and/or subsidiary companies, other than the Proposer’s legal business entity, indicate such on Form 2 - Affiliated and Subsidiary Companies of the Proposer. The Proposer shall not submit more than one SOQ for this Project. If more than one SOQ is submitted by an individual, partnership, corporation, or any party of a joint venture, then all SOQ submitted by that individual, partnership, corporation, or joint venture will be disqualified. If more than one SOQ is submitted by an Affiliate or Subsidiary company of an individual, partnership, corporation, or any party of a joint venture, then all SOQ submitted by that individual, partnership, corporation, or joint venture will be disqualified.
- B. Form 3 – Certification Regarding Debarment Primary Covered Transactions - Execute and return Form 3 – Certification Regarding Debarment Primary Covered Transactions, for all members of the Proposer’s team including the Proposer, Principal Participants, and any subconsultant, subcontractor, or any other person or entity shown on the Proposer’s organizational chart included in the SOQ. If a participant from the Proposer’s team (described above) is unable to execute the certification, then the prospective participant shall attach an explanation to its Form 3 – Certification Regarding Debarment Primary Covered Transactions. Failure to execute the certification will not necessarily result in denial of an award but will be considered in determining the Proposer’s responsibility. Providing false information may result in federal criminal prosecution or administrative sanctions.
- C. Surety Letter – Provide with the SOQ a surety letter from a surety or insurance company (with a Best’s Financial Strength Rating of A minus and Financial Size Category VIII or better by A.M. Best Co.) stating that the Proposer is capable of obtaining a performance and a payment bond in the amount as mentioned in

Section 2.12, which bonds will cover the Project and any warranty periods (per the DB Contract). The letter of surety must clearly state the rating categorization noted above and reference the amount in Section 2.12, in a manner similar to the notation provided below:

“As surety for [the above named Proposer], [XYZ Company] with A.M. Best Financial Strength Rating [rating] and Financial Size Category [Size Category] is capable of obtaining 100% Performance Bond and 100% Payment Bond in the amount of \$_____, and said bonds will cover the Project and any warranty periods as provided for in the Contract Documents on behalf of the Proposer, in the event that such firm be the successful bidder and enter into a contract for this Project.”

The letter must also specifically state that the surety has reviewed this RFQ and is familiar with the contractual structure and financial structure set forth therein (including the anticipated security requirements described in Section 2.12) and has evaluated the Proposer’s backlog and work-in-progress in determining its bonding capacity. Letters stating that the Proposer has “unlimited” bonding capacity are not acceptable. The letter must specify any assumptions regarding the provision of support.

- D. Form 4 – Proposer Licenses and Registrations - All business entities on the Proposer’s team including the Proposer, Principal Participants, and any subconsultant, subcontractor, or any other entity shown on the Proposer’s organizational chart included in the SOQ must comply with the law with regard to their organizational structure, any required registration with governmental agencies and/or entities, and any required governmental licensure, whether business, commercial, individual, or professional in nature, and nothing herein is intended to contradict, nor to supersede, State and federal laws and regulations regarding the same. All business entities on the Proposer’s team (described above) must be eligible at the time of their SOQ submittal, under the law and relevant regulations, to offer and to provide any services proposed or related to the Project. All business entities on the Proposer team must satisfy all commercial and professional registration requirements, including, but not limited to professional license requirements to the extent necessary for the proposed Project. Additionally, each business entity on the Proposer’s team shall be authorized to do business in the State of Illinois by the Illinois Secretary of State. Full size copies of required licenses and registrations, or evidence indicating the same, must be included in the appendix of the SOQ. Additionally, the following information is to be provided on Form 4 – Proposer Licenses and Registrations:

- The registration information for each business entity on the Proposer’s team (described above), including the name, registration number, type of corporation and status.
- For this Project, relevant registration and licensing information for each office practicing or offering to practice any professional services in Illinois, including the business name, address, registration type, registration number and expiration date.
- For this Project, the relevant licensing for each Key Personnel and any other person shown on the organizational chart provided with the SOQ, including the name, the address, type, the license number, expiration date and the office location where each member is offering services in Illinois.

Failure to comply with the law with regard to those legal requirements in Illinois (whether federal or State) regarding a Proposer’s organizational structure, any required registration with governmental agencies and/or entities, and any required governmental licensure, whether business, individual, or professional in nature may render a Proposer’s SOQ, in the sole discretion of IDOT, non-responsive and in that event the Proposer’s SOQ may be returned without any consideration or evaluation.

3.3 Evaluation Criteria - Qualifications of Team

3.3.1 Team Qualifications

Provide a narrative describing the qualifications of the Proposer's team. The information should address the following:

- Management and staff experience, capabilities, and functions on projects of similar scope and with similar conditions;
- The strength and depth of experience of the Key Personnel for the projects listed in Proposer's response;
- Effective project management and quality management structure, and approach to interaction with IDOT, the local agencies or other entities;
- Experience with timely completion on similar projects;
- Experience with on-budget completion of similar projects;
- Experience with integrating design and construction activities;
- Experience with utility coordination efforts and conflict resolutions; and
- Experience with delivering projects in a safe manner.

3.3.2 Organization of Project Team

The Proposers must provide an organizational chart(s) showing the flow of the "chain of command" with lines identifying participants who are responsible for major functions to be performed and their reporting relationships, in managing, designing, and constructing the Project. The chart(s) must show the functional structure of the organization and must identify Key Personnel by name and position. In addition, the chart should identify the Proposer, and all known Principal Participants in the chart(s).

The Proposers must also provide a narrative describing the Proposer's teaming arrangements and its management structure including DB management. The narrative should include, at a minimum, a discussion of the following:

- Roles of all Key Personnel, Principal Participants, and identified subcontractors;
- Functional relationships and communication among participants shown on the Proposer's organizational chart, including design and construction team interaction;
- Experience of the Proposer's organizational structure working together on projects of similar scope, complexity, and size, and results of such experience; and
- Experience of the Proposer's organizational structure in managing risks similar to this Project.

If some Principal Participants are unknown at the time the SOQ is submitted, the Proposer's plan for obtaining the firm for this area of Work must be included under this Section 3.3.2.

3.3.3 Project Team Communication

The Proposer should provide information that will show how the Proposer communicates within the Proposer organization, with IDOT, and with others during the execution of the Project. IDOT's request is to have a strong single point of contact who controls the Project during all phases, including design and construction. Scoring will favor those Proposers who provide a clear and concise communication approach that incorporates and integrates all components of the Proposer's team (i.e. primary designers, sub-consultant designers, construction managers, construction field personnel, construction office personnel, material testing personnel, etc.), and inserts IDOT personnel and other appropriate stakeholders (i.e. local residents and businesses, public agencies) within that communication plan (i.e. process for construction submittals to IDOT, IDOT involvement in quality checkpoints during construction, incorporating IDOT review of changes during construction, public information plan, etc.).

3.3.4 Key Personnel Requirements

Each Proposer shall identify individuals to serve in the roles listed below in Section 3.3.5 (the “**Key Personnel**”). The Key Personnel individuals must be identified on the organizational chart in accordance with Section 3.3.2 and resumes of Key Personnel must be provided by the Proposers using Form 7 – Key Personnel Resume Form. Only resumes for Key Personnel listed in Section 3.3.5 will be considered. Resumes of Key Personnel are limited to two pages each and will not be counted towards the overall SOQ page limit. One person may be proposed in more than one Key Personnel position, unless otherwise noted below. If an individual fills more than one Key Personnel position, only one resume is required. The Key Personnel are the minimum roles required for the Project. Other roles may be identified by the Proposer on the organizational chart.

SOQs must include an express written statement from the Proposer committing that the Key Personnel designated in the SOQ for the positions or roles described in this Section 3 will be available to serve the role so identified in connection with the Project. Proposers are advised that additional Key Personnel may be required at the RFP Step.

3.3.5 Key Personnel Required for this Project

- A. Project Manager
- B. Construction Manager
- C. Construction Quality Control Manager
- D. Design Manager
- E. Design Quality Control Manager
- F. Safety Manager
- G. Utility Coordinator
- H. Quality Assurance Manager
- I. Environmental Compliance Manager
- J. Structural Engineer
- K. Geotechnical Engineer

3.3.6 Minimum Qualifications of Key Personnel

Key Personnel will be evaluated, in part, based on the extent they meet or exceed minimum qualifications including, but not limited to, relevant education, training, certification, and experience.

The following provides minimum qualifications of the Key Personnel assigned to the Project.

A. Project Manager:

The Proposer’s Project Manager is required to have a minimum of 10 years of recent experience managing the design and construction of highway construction projects with similar scope, complexity, and size. The Proposer’s Project Manager will be responsible for design, construction, quality management, and the DB Contract administration for the Project and will:

- Have full responsibility for the prosecution of the Work;
- Act as agent and be a single point of contact in all matters on behalf of the DB Contractor during all phases of the Project, including but not limited to design and construction. This will include assisting/providing the District Project Manager with accurate Project information for any inquiries received on an as-needed basis;
- Be available (or the approved designee will be available) at all times that Work is performed;
- Have authority to bind the DB Contractor on all matters relating to the Project; and

- Not fulfill any other Key Personnel role.

B. Construction Manager:

The Construction Manager is required to have a minimum of 10 years of recent experience managing field operations on highway construction projects of similar scope, complexity, and size. The Construction Manager must be on site during all construction activities (or the approved designee must be on site). The Construction Manager must work under the direct supervision of the Project Manager and in addition, cannot fulfill the following Key Personnel roles – Construction Quality Control Manager, Design Quality Control Manager, Safety Manager, Design Manager and Utility Coordinator. The Construction Manager is responsible for ensuring that the Project is constructed in accordance with the DB Contract. The Construction Manager is responsible for managing the DB construction personnel, scheduling of the construction activities, performance and resourcing for the overall construction and contract administration, including safety and environmental compliance for the Project. The Construction Manager is responsible for administering all construction requirements of the DB Contract.

C. Construction Quality Control Manager:

The Construction Quality Control Manager is required to have a minimum of 10 years of recent experience overseeing the inspection and materials testing on highway construction projects of similar scope, complexity, and size. The Construction Quality Control Manager will be responsible for overseeing the overall construction quality management and DB Contract compliance.

It will be the responsibility of the Construction Quality Control Manager to manage the Proposer's construction quality control functions and will:

- Not be assigned any other duties or responsibilities on the Project;
- Visit the site as necessary to validate construction quality, respond to any quality issues, and report on that visit to the District Project Manager;
- Be independent of direct scheduling or production activities and report directly to the Proposer's Project Manager;
- Be available whenever any construction activities are being performed; and
- Have the authority to stop any and all Work that does not meet the standards, specifications or criteria in accordance with the DB Contract.

D. Design Manager:

The Design Manager is required to have a minimum of 10 years of recent experience with managing the design of highway construction projects of similar size, scope, and complexity,. The Design Manager will be responsible for ensuring the completion of overall Project design and that design criteria requirements are met. The Design Manager must be a licensed professional engineer in the State of Illinois or be able to obtain licensure by award of the DB Contract. The Design Manager will:

- Be responsible for managing the DB Contractor's design personnel and administering all design requirements of the DB Contract;
- Be available whenever design activities are being performed; and
- Work under the direct supervision of Proposer's Project Manager.

E. Design Quality Control Manager:

The Design Quality Control Manager is required to have a minimum of 10 years of experience managing the design quality component of highway construction projects of similar scope, complexity, and size. The Design Quality Control Manager will be responsible for overseeing the overall design quality management

and DB Contract compliance for the Project. The Design Quality Control Manager must be a licensed professional engineer in the State of Illinois or be able to obtain licensure by award of the DB Contract.

The Design Quality Control Manager will:

- Not be assigned any other duties or responsibilities on the Project;
- Review all design documents as necessary to validate design quality, and respond to any quality issues;
- Be independent of direct scheduling or production activities and report directly to the Proposer's Project Manager; and
- Have the authority to stop any and all design work that does not meet the standards, specifications or criteria in accordance with the DB Contract.

F. Safety Manager:

The Safety Manager is responsible for achieving the safety goals of the Project and is required to have at least 10 years of progressive safety experience on highway construction projects of similar size, scope, and complexity, five (5) years of which must be safety management experience, on complex heavy civil projects for the position during the construction period. The Safety Manager will be responsible for the development, implementation and updating of the Safety Plan throughout the duration of the Project. Additional requirements include designation, as a Construction Health and Safety Technician (CHST) or higher certification issued by the Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP), completion of the OSHA 30-hour Safety and Health Course, training and current certification for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid. The Safety Manager cannot fulfill any other Key Personnel role.

G. Utility Coordinator:

The Utility Coordinator is required to be knowledgeable of IDOT procedures for accommodation and relocation of utilities. The Utility Coordinator will manage all utility coordination and utility design activities with the overall Project design. The Utility Coordinator is required to have a minimum of five (5) years of recent experience in the role of a utility coordinator or utility manager on projects of similar size, scope and complexity and shall be authorized by the DB Contractor to approve all technical modifications associated with utility relocations and modifications to any utility agreements.

H. Quality Assurance Manager:

The Quality Assurance Manager ("QAM") is required to have a minimum of 10 years of quality management experience on large transportation infrastructure projects of similar scope, complexity, and size. The QAM shall verify that all design related work packages submitted for review and acceptance have been certified by the Design Quality Control Manager as being in conformance with the Contract documents and the Design Quality Management Plan. The QAM shall ensure adherence to environmental permits and commitments and that all work and materials, testing and sampling, and work zones are in conformance with the DB Contract, and the plans and specifications.

The QAM must be a licensed professional engineer or structural engineer in the State of Illinois or be able to obtain licensure by award of the DB Contract and must be from an independent firm that is not involved in planning, design or construction operations for the Project and must be responsible for the QA inspection and testing of all materials used and work performed on the Project, to include monitoring of the DB Contractor's QC program. The QAM shall verify that all construction Work has been certified by the Construction Quality Control Manager and is being completed in conformance with the DB Contract and the Construction Quality Management Plan. The DB Contractor may utilize a single firm to provide both the QC and QA services.

I. Environmental Compliance Manager:

The Environmental Compliance Manager shall have five (5) years of recent experience, with demonstrated expertise with permitting, compliance, and overall environmental compliance on projects with similar environmental requirements. The Environmental Compliance Manager will be responsible for assuring compliance of all on-site activities with the requirements of all permits and regulatory requirements. The Environmental Compliance Manager will report directly to District Project Manager and the Proposer's Project Manager simultaneously. The Environmental Compliance Manager will also manage the environmental activities and monitor, document, and report environmental compliance for the Project. The Environmental Compliance Manager will be responsible for reporting any violation or failure to comply with requirements together with planned corrective actions to IDOT as soon as such violation or failure to comply is identified and to then regularly update IDOT on the progress of corrective actions. The Environmental Compliance Manager will have the authority to stop Work that is not in compliance with environmental requirements and the DB Contract.

J. Structural Engineer:

The Structural Engineer is required to have at least 10 years of recent experience with the design on projects of similar size, scope, and complexity. The Structural Engineer shall be responsible for ensuring the overall structural design is completed and all structural requirements are met, and for sealing the technical submissions for this Project. The Structural Engineer must be a licensed structural engineer in the State of Illinois or be able to obtain licensure by award of the DB Contract. The Structural Engineer is to be assigned to the Project full-time whenever structural design activities are being performed.

K. Geotechnical Engineer:

The Geotechnical Engineer is required to have at least 10 years of recent experience with the design on projects of similar size, scope, and complexity. The Geotechnical Engineer shall be responsible for ensuring that the geotechnical designs and any necessary geotechnical input for structural designs are completed in accordance with the requirements of the DB Contract. The Geotechnical Engineer must be a licensed professional engineer in the State of Illinois or be able to obtain licensure by award of the DB Contract. The Geotechnical Engineer is to be assigned to the Project full-time whenever geotechnical design activities are being performed.

3.3.7 Approach to Ensuring Safety

The Proposer must provide a summary to include the Proposers' safety philosophy, examples of successfully implemented safety management programs or innovations, and expand on safety experience working on projects of similar scope, complexity, and size. The Proposer must provide the following information as shown in the following table as provided to OSHA for calendar years 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, and 2021.

Item	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total employee hours worked (do not include non-work time, even though paid)					
Total number of lost workday cases					
Total number of restricted workday cases					
Total number of cases with medical attention only					
Total number of fatalities					
Total Recordable Incident Rate (TRIR) TRIR Formula: $\frac{\text{Total Recordable Incidents} \times 200,000}{\text{Total Hours Worked by All Employees}}$					
Days Away, Restricted, or Transferred Rate (DART) DART Formula: $\frac{\text{Total DART Cases} \times 200,000}{\text{Total Hours Worked by All Employees}}$					

3.4 Evaluation Criteria - Proposer Experience

Using Form 8 – Work History Forms, describe at least two, but a maximum of ten, projects the Proposer team (Principal Participant(s) and Key Subcontractor(s)) has completed or participated in. If the Proposer team does not exist or is newly formed, please explain. For projects in which several of the proposed Principal Participants or Key Subcontractors were involved, the Proposer may provide a single project description.

Highlight experience relevant to the Project that the Proposer team has gained in the last 10 years. Cite projects with scope similar to that anticipated for the Project. Also consider citing projects where construction duration and impact was minimized, completion schedules were kept, and original design and/or construction budgets were not increased. At least one project should feature the applicable experience of the Design Manager from Section 3.3.6 above. Describe the Design Manager's experience that could apply to this Project.

Each project description should include the following information:

- Name of the project and the owner's contact information (current phone number and e-mail address);
- Name of the Principal Participant(s) and Key Subcontractor(s);
- Owner's project manager and their current telephone number and email;

- Description of the Work or services provided and percentage of the overall project actually performed by the member(s) of the Proposer team;
- Description of scheduled completion deadlines and actual completion dates; and
- Original budget and final cost.

IDOT may elect to use the information provided above as a reference check.

3.5 Evaluation Criteria - Understanding of Project Delivery Process

Provide a synopsis demonstrating the following:

- Proposer's unique experiences working with an owner and third parties to successfully complete the delivery of projects of similar scope, complexity and size, including projects delivered under design-bid-build, CMGC, PDB and DB delivery methods;
- Proposer's experience using traditional and alternative delivery methods for:
 - Achieving project completion on time and within budget;
 - Effectively managing project risks;
 - Maximizing project innovation and quality through collaboration and problem solving with the client and other stakeholders;
 - Minimizing impacts to the travelling public and other stakeholders; and
 - Building an integrated project team.

3.6 Evaluation Criteria - Team Diversity & Community Engagement

IDOT's objective is to evaluate the past performance of a Proposer's commitment to diversity and community engagement. The Proposer will provide a narrative (two-page maximum) describing the team's previous efforts to promote diversity, inclusion and outreach to communities affected by Proposer's previous projects. This includes providing opportunities to disadvantaged business enterprises, minority, women-owned, and veteran-owned companies and community organizations. This also may include leading initiatives to capturing outcomes of increased awareness, understanding or promoting diversity, implementing steps toward fostering diversity in the workplace with programs that maximize the potential of all people or creating partnerships with community organizations or local businesses to enhance the quality of life within affected neighborhoods.

3.7 Conflicts of Interest and Financial Viability

3.7.1 Organizational Conflicts of Interest

Identify all relevant facts relating to past, present or planned interest(s) for each member of the Proposer's team including the Proposer, Principal Participants, and any subconsultant, subcontractor, or any other person or entity shown on the Proposer's organizational chart included in the SOQ which may result, or could be viewed as, an organizational conflict of interest in connection with the Project and this RFQ.

The required information for organizational conflicts of interest is to be submitted using Form 6 – Conflict of Interest Disclosure. All members of the Proposer's team described above must submit Form 6 - Conflict of Interest Disclosure certifying that either no conflict exists, or potential conflict(s) exist or may exist.

Disclose: (a) any current contractual relationships with IDOT (by identifying the IDOT contract number and project manager) that may result in, or could be viewed as a potential conflict of interest on this Project; (b) present or planned contractual or employment relationships with any current IDOT employee; and (c) any other circumstances that might be considered to create a financial interest in the DB Contract for the Project by any current IDOT employee if the Proposer is awarded the DB Contract. The foregoing is provided by way of example and does not

constitute a limitation on the disclosure obligations.

For any fact, relationship, or circumstance disclosed in response to this Section 3.7.1, identify steps that have been or will be taken to avoid, neutralize or mitigate any organizational conflicts of interest.

In cases where participants on different Proposer teams belong to the same parent company, each Proposer must describe how the participants would avoid conflicts of interest through the RFQ Step and RFP Step of the Project.

3.7.2 Financial Viability

The Proposers shall supply Affidavit of Availability (BC 57) with their SOQ which will be used by IDOT to verify the financial viability of Proposers. Proposers may submit an updated BC 57 with their SOQ or furnish a copy of their existing BC 57 on file with IDOT. If a Proposer holds an IDOT rating of “super unlimited”, such letter and status certificate must be provided instead of providing BC 57.

The Affidavit of Availability (BC 57) form can be downloaded from the following website:

<https://idot.illinois.gov/resources/forms.html>

3.7.3 Certificate of Joint Venture

Prequalified contractors bidding as a joint venture for this Project must submit a Certificate of Joint Venture (BC 2267) to obtain Department approval to bid as a joint venture. In addition to any submission requirements mentioned in form BC 2267, a signed BC 2267 must also be emailed to the IDOT Procurement Manager at the email address mentioned in Section 2.3 at least seven (7) Calendar Days prior to the SOQ due date as shown in Section 1.2. A copy of the submitted BC 2267 must also be provided with the SOQ. BC 2267 identifies the managing partner and indicates the joint venture agreement shall be available to the Department for inspection. In addition, each joint venture partner firm shall submit an Affidavit of Availability as indicated above. Proposers shall refer to Rules for Prequalification of Contractors, Authorization to Bid, and Subcontractor Registrations found at the following link for more information regarding the Certificate of Joint Venture.

<https://idot.illinois.gov/procurement/prequalification-and-registration/contractors/joint-venture.html>

Form BC 2267 can be found at this link:

<https://idot.illinois.gov/doing-business/industry-marketplace/construction-services/contractor-resources.html>

4 SOQ SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

This Section 4 describes requirements that all Proposers must satisfy in submitting SOQs. Failure of any Proposer to submit their SOQ as required in this RFQ may result in rejection of its SOQ or scoring deductions at the Department's discretion.

4.1 Due Date, Time, and Location

SOQs are due on the date and time listed in Section 1.2. Any SOQ that fails to meet the deadline or delivery requirement will be rejected without opening, consideration or evaluation.

SOQs are required to be delivered via email to the IDOT Procurement Manager identified in Section 2.3. The e-mail with SOQs attached must have the subject line of **"SOQ – I-270 Overlay and Structures Repairs and Replacements Project"**. IDOT will not accept SOQs by any other means of delivery.

The IDOT Procurement Manager will send an email reply acknowledging receipt of the SOQs received by the due date mentioned in Section 1.2.

4.2 Format and Content

All SOQs must comply with the following:

- Provide a Portable Document File (PDF) that is bookmarked. The maximum file size allowable for emailing is 20 megabytes (MB).
- The SOQ must not exceed 15 pages excluding SOQ cover page, table of contents, tabs, organizational chart, Form 1 - Statement of Qualifications Checklist and Contents, Letter of Submittal forms and other SOQ forms. IDOT will only evaluate the first 15 pages; any additional pages will not be considered. Animated videos and motion pictures or links to such information are prohibited.
- Proposer changes to the format included in the forms themselves are not allowed and may result in a Proposer being deemed non-responsive.
- The SOQ is to be prepared using an 8.5" x 11" page size. Form 8 - Work History Forms and organizational chart may be prepared on 11" x 17" format, no additional information is allowed. Proposers cannot include any other information on these 11" x 17" pages other than their intended purpose.
- All fonts, except for the front cover of the SOQ, must be Times New Roman, with a font of 12-point. Times New Roman 10-point font may be used for the organizational chart and filling out information on Form 7 - Key Personnel Resume Form, and Form 8 - Work History Forms.
- The format and appearance, including existing text, of Form 7 - Key Personnel Resume Form, and Form 8 - Work History Forms should not be modified.
- Form 7 - Key Personnel Resume Form should not exceed two (2) pages for each Key Personnel, which shall not be included in the 15-page limit.
- Form 8 - Work History Forms should not exceed one (1) page per project, which shall not be included in the 15-page limit. Graphics are allowed on Form 8.
- Tabs may be used between sections at Proposer's discretion and will not count against the 15-page limit, provided that no information other than the section title is included on them.

The Statement of Qualifications are required to include all components listed below and, in the order, provided below. Failure to include all components may result in rejection of the Proposer's SOQ.

1. SOQ cover page
2. Form 1 - Statement of Qualifications Checklist and Contents

3. Letter of Submittal
 - a. Designated Contact Information ([Section 3.2.1A](#))
 - b. Principal Officer Information ([Section 3.2.1B](#))
 - c. Proposer's Corporate Structure and Principal Participants ([Section 3.2.1C](#))
 - d. Identity of DB Contractor ([Section 3.2.1D](#))
 - e. Written Statement for DBE Utilization Goal ([Section 3.2.1E](#))
4. Qualifications of Team
 - a. Team Qualifications Narrative ([Section 3.3.1](#))
 - b. Organizational Chart with Key Personnel Highlighted ([Section 3.3.2](#))
 - c. Organizational Chart Narrative ([Section 3.3.2](#))
 - d. Team Communications Narrative ([Section 3.3.3](#))
 - e. Safety Summary ([Section 3.3.7](#))
5. Understanding of Project Delivery Process ([Section 3.5](#))
 - a. Understanding of Project Delivery Process Synopsis
6. Team Diversity and Community Engagement ([Section 3.6](#))
 - a. Team Diversity and Community Engagement Narrative
7. Letter of Submittal Forms
 - a. Form 2 - Affiliated and Subsidiary Companies of the Proposer ([Section 3.2.2A](#))
 - b. Form 3 - Certification Regarding Debarment Primary Covered Transactions ([Section 3.2.2B](#))
 - c. Surety Letter ([Section 3.2.2C](#))
 - d. Form 4 - Proposer Licenses and Registrations ([Section 3.2.2D](#))
8. Other SOQ Forms
 - a. Form 5 - Acknowledgement of RFQ Revision and/or Addenda ([Section 2.3](#))
 - b. Form 6 – Conflict of Interest Disclosure ([Section 3.7.1](#))
 - c. Affidavit of Availability (BC 57) ([Section 3.7.2](#))
 - d. Copy of Submitted Certificate of Joint Venture (BC 2267) ([Section 3.7.3](#))
 - e. Form 7 - Key Personnel Resume Form ([Section 3.3.4](#))
 - f. Form 8 - Work History Forms (Proposer Experience - [Section 3.4](#))

5 EVALUATION PROCESS

5.1 Responsiveness Review

Upon receipt of an SOQ, IDOT will perform a responsiveness review to ensure the SOQ was completed in accordance with this RFQ. This will include verifying compliance with applicable governmental registrations and licensing requirements as outlined in this RFQ, including prequalification requirements as outlined in [Section 2.8](#). This review will focus on whether each SOQ meets administrative responsiveness requirements; containing all necessary pages and mandatory forms and answers all necessary parts and other pass/fail legal and financial requirements as mentioned in this RFQ. This review may not identify other non-responsive issues that may arise during the subsequent technical evaluation by IDOT. Correction of minor clerical or administrative errors may be permitted in order for a Proposer to remedy non-responsiveness at the sole discretion of IDOT and the CPO.

IDOT may request from a Proposer during the responsiveness review that they clarify, correct, or remedy an omission in their SOQ. Any SOQ that is determined to be non-responsive will be returned to the Proposer by IDOT with a written notification stating the reason(s) for non-responsiveness or subjected to scoring deductions at the Department's discretion.

5.2 Technical Evaluation

IDOT will evaluate all responsive SOQs and measure each Proposer's response against the Project goals and evaluation criteria set forth in this RFQ, resulting in a numerical score for each SOQ. The scoring will be distributed as summarized below:

- Qualifications of Team (50 Points)
- Proposer Experience (30 Points)
- Understanding of Project Delivery Process (10 Points)
- Team Diversity and Community Engagement (10 Points)

5.3 Determining Shortlisted Proposers

After determining which SOQs are responsive and meet all pass/fail criteria, IDOT will total the scores for each responsive SOQ and prepare a ranked list of Proposers. IDOT intends to shortlist two (2) to five (5) of the most qualified Proposers.

IDOT reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel this RFQ, issue a new RFQ, reject any or all SOQs, seek or obtain data from any source that has the potential to improve the understanding and evaluation of the responses to this RFQ, seek and receive clarifications to an SOQ and waive any deficiencies, irregularities or technicalities in considering and evaluating the SOQs.

This RFQ does not commit IDOT to enter into a contract or proceed with the procurement of the Project. IDOT assumes no obligations, responsibilities, and liabilities, fiscal or otherwise, to reimburse all or part of the costs incurred by the parties responding to this RFQ. All such costs are to be borne solely by each Proposer.

5.4 Notification of Shortlisting

Shortlisted teams will have their Proposer's names posted on the IPD Procurements Website, which will serve as the shortlisting announcement. However, the SOQ score will not be shared with the shortlisted Proposer until the execution of DB Contract. See [Exhibit 5 – Example Notice of Shortlisting Results](#) for an example of the shortlisting announcement.

5.5 Debriefing

IDOT may be available for an oral debriefing session upon written request made by an authorized representative of an unsuccessful Proposer to the IDOT Procurement Manager within 30 Calendar Days after a notice of intent to award. The IDOT Procurement Manager will respond with confirmation of the debrief request. Upon execution and delivery of the DB Contract by the successful Proposer, the IDOT Procurement Manager will schedule a date and time for the debrief with the unsuccessful Proposer.

The debriefing will not include point-by-point comparisons of the debriefed Proposer's SOQ or Proposal with those of the other Proposers. Moreover, the debriefing will not reveal any information exempt from release under the Freedom of Information Act.

6 PROCUREMENT – RFP STEP

This Section 6 is provided for informational purposes only so that each Proposer has information that describes the second step of the Project procurement process, the RFP Step, including a summary of certain anticipated RFP Step requirements. IDOT reserves the right to make changes to the following, and the shortlisted Proposers shall only rely on the actual RFP if and when it is issued. This Section 6 does not contain requirements related to the SOQ.

6.1 Request for Proposals

The shortlisted Proposers following the RFQ Step of the procurement process will be eligible to move to the RFP Step. Only shortlisted Proposers will be allowed to submit a Proposal in response to the RFP and IDOT may choose to make the RFP available exclusively to those shortlisted Proposers.

Within seven (7) calendar days of shortlisting announcement by IDOT on IPD Procurements Website, shortlisted Proposers must submit Form 11 – IPD ProjectWise Portal Access Request Form to the email mentioned in Section 2.3. This form is not part of SOQ content and is not required to be submitted with the SOQ.

6.2 RFP Structure

The RFP will be structured as follows:

1. Instructions to Proposers
2. Contract Documents
 - a. Book 1
 - Part 1 – Project Specific Terms
 - Part 2 – General Requirements and Covenants for DB Project Delivery
 - Part 3 – Contract Exhibits
 - b. Book 2
 - Part 4 – Technical Requirements
 - Part 5 – Special Provisions, Plans, Specifications and Standards
3. Reference Information Documents (RIDs)
4. Project Information Documents (PIDs)

6.3 Proposal Evaluations

IDOT intends to award a DB Contract for the Project to the shortlisted Proposer offering the highest-ranked, responsive Proposal, to be determined as described in the RFP. A shortlisted Proposer's SOQ score will not be shared with the shortlisted Proposer until the execution of the DB Contract.

6.4 Proposal Stipends

In accordance with the terms and procedures mentioned in the RFP, IDOT intends to pay a stipend amount of \$300,000 for responsive proposals submitted by Proposers during the RFP Step. A stipend will not be paid to the successful Proposer. No stipends will be paid for submitting SOQs. Proposers will be given the option to accept the stipend and allow IDOT to use work products developed in the Proposal or Proposers may reject the stipend and retain rights to work product developed in the Proposal. In consideration for paying the stipend, IDOT may use any ideas or information contained in the Proposals in connection with any contract awarded for the Project or in connection with a subsequent procurement, without any obligation to pay any additional compensation to the unsuccessful shortlisted Proposers.

7 PROTESTS PROCEDURES

7.1 Applicability

This Section 7 sets forth the exclusive protest remedies available to Proposers with respect to this RFQ and prescribes exclusive procedures for all protests. No protest with respect to shortlisting or selection of the DB Contractor may be filed by the Proposers. Section 7 does not apply to issues of prequalification, lack of Proposer responsibility, suspension or debarment.

No protest with respect to this RFQ may be filed except by a Proposer pursuant to this Section 7.

7.2 Deadline for Protests

All protests must be in writing and filed with IDOT CPO with a copy to the IDOT Procurement Manager and IDOT's Chief Counsel within 7 calendar days after the protester knows or should have known of the facts giving rise to the protest. Protests filed after the 7-calendar day period will not be considered. In addition, protests that raise issues of fraud, corruption or illegal acts affecting the content of the RFQ must be received by the CPO no later than 14 calendar days before the SOQ due date as identified in the RFQ or any addendum to the RFQ.

7.3 Content of Protest

Protests filed under Section 7 are required to include the following:

- The name, address, telephone and facsimile numbers of the protester.
- The identification of the procurement or solicitation that is the subject of the protest.
- All information establishing that the protester is an interested party.
- A detailed statement of the factual and legal grounds of the protest, including all relevant documents and exhibits that demonstrate fraud, corruption or illegal acts having the effect of undermining the integrity of the procurement process.
- All information establishing the timeliness of the protest.
- The signature of the protester.

7.4 Filing of Protest

Protests are required to be submitted in an envelope clearly labeled "Protest", delivered by hand or express courier on or before the deadline to the attention of the CPO at the Illinois Department of Transportation, Hanley Building, Room 200, 2300 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Illinois, 62764, with copies to the IDOT Procurement Manager and to IDOT's Chief Counsel at the Illinois Department of Transportation, Hanley Building, Room 313, 2300 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Illinois, 62764.

7.5 Burden of Proof

The protestant shall have the burden of proving its protest by clear and convincing evidence. IDOT and the CPO may, in their discretion, discuss the protest with the protestant and other Proposers in accordance with applicable law. No hearing will be held on the protest. The protest will be decided on the basis of written submissions.

7.6 Decision on Protest

The CPO or his or her designee will issue a written decision regarding the protest as expeditiously as possible after the filing of the detailed statement of protest under this Section 7 and receipt of all relevant information. The decision of the CPO is final and conclusive unless clearly erroneous, arbitrary, capricious or contrary to law (see Section 20-75 of the Illinois Procurement code). A copy of the decision of the CPO will be transmitted to the protester within 14 days after the decision is entered. If the protest is sustained, the remedies available are limited to cancellation or revision of the solicitation, or readvertisement of the solicitation. Relief available does not include award of the DB Contract to the protester.

7.7 Rights and Obligations of Proposers

Each Proposer, by submitting its SOQ, expressly recognizes and agrees to the limitation on its rights to protest provided in this Section 7, expressly waives all other rights and remedies that may be available to the Proposer under law and agrees that the decision by the CPO on the protest is final and conclusive. These provisions are included in this RFQ expressly in consideration for such waiver and agreement by the Proposers.

If a Proposer disregards, disputes, or does not follow the exclusive protest remedies provided in this Section 7, they shall indemnify and hold IDOT, its officers, employees, agents, and consultants harmless from and against all liabilities, fees, and costs, including legal and consultant fees and costs, and damages incurred or suffered as a result of such Proposer's actions. Each Proposer, by submitting an SOQ, will be deemed to have irrevocably and unconditionally agreed to this indemnity obligation.

8 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF IDOT

8.1 Reservation Rights

In connection with this procurement, IDOT reserves to itself all rights (which rights may be exercisable by IDOT in its sole discretion) available to it under applicable law, including without limitation, the following, with or without cause and with or without notice:

- The right to cancel, withdraw, postpone, or extend this RFQ or the subsequent RFP in whole or in part at any time prior to the execution by IDOT of a DB Contract, without incurring any obligations or liabilities.
- The right to issue a new RFQ.
- The right to reject any and all submittals, responses and Proposals received at any time.
- The right to modify all dates set or projected in this RFQ.
- The right to terminate evaluations of SOQs and responses received at any time.
- The right to suspend and terminate the procurement process for the Project, at any time.
- The right to waive or permit corrections to data submitted with any response to this RFQ until such time as IDOT declares in writing that a particular stage or step of its review of the responses to this RFQ has been completed and closed.
- The right to issue addenda, supplements, and modifications to this RFQ, including but not limited to modifications of evaluation criteria or methodology and weighting of evaluation criteria.
- The right to permit submittal of addenda and supplements to data previously provided with any response to this RFQ until such time as IDOT declares in writing that a particular stage or phase of its review of the responses to this RFQ has been completed and closed.
- The right to hold meetings and conduct discussions and correspondence with one or more of the Proposers responding to this RFQ to seek an improved understanding and evaluation of the responses to this RFQ.
- The right to seek or obtain data from any source that has the potential to improve the understanding and evaluation of the responses to the RFQ, including the right to seek clarifications from Proposers.
- The right to permit Proposers to add or delete firms and/or Key Personnel until such time as IDOT declares in writing that a particular stage or phase of its review has been completed and closed.
- The right to add or delete Proposer responsibilities from the information contained in this RFQ or the subsequent RFP.
- The right to appoint and change appointees of any Evaluation Committee.
- The right to use assistance of technical and legal experts and consultants in the evaluation process.
- The right to waive deficiencies, informalities, and irregularities in an SOQ, accept and review a non-conforming SOQ or seek clarifications or supplements to an SOQ.
- The right to disqualify any Proposer that changes its submittal without IDOT approval.
- The right to change the method of award between the advertisement of the RFQ and the advertisement of the RFP.
- The right to respond to all, some, or none of the inquiries, questions and/or requests for clarification received relative to the RFQ.

This RFQ does not commit or bind IDOT or any agency or instrumentality of the State to enter into a DB Contract or proceed with the procurement described herein. IDOT and the State of Illinois assume no obligations, responsibilities, or liabilities, fiscal or otherwise, to reimburse all or part of the costs incurred or alleged to have

been incurred by parties considering a response to or responding to this RFQ or any subsequent RFP. All such costs will be borne solely by each Proposer.

In no event will IDOT be bound by or liable for any obligations with respect to the Project until such time (if at all) as a DB Contract, in form and substance satisfactory to IDOT, has been executed and authorized by IDOT, and then only to the extent set forth therein.

IDOT may, in its sole discretion, disqualify the Proposer from further consideration for the award of the DB Contract if it is found after due notice and examination by IDOT that there is a violation of Article 50 of the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500/50 et seq.), or any similar statute involving the Proposer in the procurement of the DB Contract.

9 ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the specific submittal requirements set forth in Section 3 above, all Proposers shall comply with the following:

- All Proposers must at the time of their SOQ submittal comply with the law and nothing herein is intended to contradict, nor supersede, any applicable State and Federal laws and regulations. All Proposers shall be eligible at the time of their SOQ submittal, under the law and relevant regulations, to offer and to provide all services proposed and related to the Project. Unless exempted by Section 3 of the Professional Engineering Practice Act of 1989 (225 ILCS 325/3), Section 7 of the Illinois Architecture Practice Act of 1989 (225 ILCS 305/7), Section 3 of the Structural Engineering Practice Act of 1989 (225 ILCS 340/3), and Section 25 of the Illinois Professional Land Surveyor Act of 1989 (225 ILCS 330/25), any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity offering or practicing architecture, engineering, or land surveying shall be registered or licensed in accordance with the Professional Engineering Practice Act of 1989 (225 ILCS 325/1 *et seq.*), the Illinois Architecture Practice Act of 1989 (225 ILCS 305/1 *et seq.*), the Structural Engineering Practice Act of 1989 (225 ILCS 340/1 *et seq.*), and the Illinois Professional Land Surveyor Act of 1989 (225 ILCS 330/1 *et seq.*). Proposers shall satisfy at the time of their SOQ submittal all commercial and professional registration requirements in accordance with Illinois law.
- IDOT will not consider for award any Proposals submitted by any Proposer and will not consent to subcontracting any portions of the proposed DB Contract to any subconsultants in violation of the provisions of the Federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, which prohibits employment of illegal aliens.
- All Proposers must have internal control systems in place that meet federal requirements for accounting. These systems must comply with requirements of 48 CFR Part 31, "Federal Acquisition Regulations, Contract Cost Principles and Procedures," and 23 CFR Part 172, "Administration of Engineering and Design Related Service Contracts."
- Proposers must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended. The consultant and all subconsultants selected for this Project will be required to submit a Title VI Evaluation Report (EEO- D2) when requested by IDOT to respond to the RFP. This requirement applies to all consulting firms with fifteen (15) or more employees.
- IDOT does not discriminate against a Proposer because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by State law relating to discrimination in employment. The Proposer shall note and comply with Section 2-105 of the Illinois Human Rights Act (775 ILCS 5/ *et seq.*) in State contracting and public services. The Proposer shall maintain a non-discrimination policy, which prohibits discrimination by the Proposer on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, political affiliation, disability, or veteran status. This policy must be followed in all employment practices, subcontracting practices, and delivery of goods or services.
- Proposers are prohibited to access IDOT right of way and private property within the project limits to perform any activities other than to observe the conditions of the site, unless otherwise approved in writing by the IDOT Procurement Manager. If any member of the Proposer's team has access to geotechnical investigations/information/evaluations or any exploratory borings conducted within the project limits prior to release of RFQ, they shall disclose such information to IDOT Procurement Manager for determination of how this information would affect the opportunity of that entity to participate in the Project procurement. Furthermore, the Proposers are on notice that any unauthorized access to IDOT right of way and private property within the Project may be considered sufficient for the disqualification of the Proposer or may render the Proposer's SOQ non-responsive or both.

10 DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (DBEs)

It is the policy of IDOT to encourage the participation of DBEs, minority- and women-owned firms consistent with applicable laws and regulations. DBE program requirements will be applied to the design and construction of the Project in accordance with 49 CFR Part 26, as well as the federal contractual requirements set forth in FHWA Form 1273. Please visit the following webpage for information regarding IDOT's Office of Workforce and Diversity, IDOT's overall federal DBE goal, the Illinois UCP Directory of DBE firms, and IDOT's DBE Supportive Services Program: <https://idot.illinois.gov/doing-business/industry-marketplace/dbe/dbe-certification0.html>

Proposers to this RFQ are not required to identify Illinois-certified DBE firms in the SOQ. The anticipated DBE utilization goals for this Project are provided in [Section 2.15](#). Specific DBE utilization requirements for the Project will be detailed in the RFP and DB Contract. Among other things, the RFP will require each Proposer to submit as part of its Proposal, a DBE Utilization Plan approach for proactively promoting, managing, and monitoring DBE opportunities. IDOT's approval of the Proposer's final DBE Utilization Plan will be a condition precedent to commencement of applicable Work.

During this procurement, IDOT may host one or more outreach events for DBEs and other firms interested in bidding on Work for the Project. Event information, including instructions for registration, will be posted to the IPD Procurements Website. Proposers are encouraged to attend these events to connect with Illinois-certified DBE firms and other industry firms. In addition, the RFP will require the DB Contractor to perform its own outreach and other activities to facilitate DBE participation in the Project in accordance with the DBE Utilization Plan. Each Proposer will be required to certify that it will meet, or will exercise good faith efforts to meet, the DBE utilization goals for the Project, and the DB Contractor will be required to provide DBE commitments in the form required by IDOT as its DBE subcontractors are identified.

A DBE firm certified by another state may apply for DBE certification with the State of Illinois, though the Illinois DBE certification process could take up to six months.

11 MISCELLANEOUS

11.1 Illinois Freedom of Information Act

Proposer Submittals are Subject to Public Disclosure

- After the execution of the DB Contract, all documents submitted by Proposers to IDOT, including Proposer comments and questions and the SOQs, are subject to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.* (the “Illinois FOIA”).
- Additionally, information submitted by Proposers may be made available to FHWA representatives. IDOT intends to follow procedures established by FHWA to avoid disclosure, to the extent possible, of such information under the federal Freedom of Information Act.
- Under Section 7 of the Illinois FOIA, certain public records may be exempt from the Illinois FOIA. This includes, but is not limited to, private information (as defined in Section 2(c-5) of the Illinois FOIA), as well as trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person or business where the trade secrets or commercial or financial information are furnished under a claim that they are proprietary, privileged or confidential, and disclosure of the trade secrets or commercial or financial information would cause competitive harm to the person or business, but only insofar as this claim directly applies to the records requested under the Illinois FOIA.
- Proposers are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Illinois FOIA, the federal Freedom of Information Act and any other laws and regulations applicable to the disclosure of documents submitted in connection with this RFQ and to the issue of confidentiality and public information (collectively, the “Public Records Laws”). IDOT will not advise a Proposer as to the nature or content of documents entitled to protection from disclosure under the Public Records Laws, as to the interpretation of such laws, or as to the definitions of proprietary, privileged, or confidential trade secrets or commercial or financial information. The Proposer will be solely responsible for all determinations made by it under applicable laws. Each Proposer is advised to contact its own legal counsel concerning the effect of applicable laws on that Proposer’s own circumstances.
- In the event of any proceeding or litigation concerning the disclosure of any SOQ, portion thereof, or related submittal, the Proposer shall be responsible for prosecuting or defending any action concerning the materials at its sole expense and risk; provided, however, that IDOT reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to intervene or participate in the litigation in such manner as it deems necessary or desirable. All costs and fees (including attorneys’ fees and costs) incurred by IDOT in connection with any litigation, proceeding or request for disclosure will be reimbursed and paid by the Proposer whose SOQ or related submittal is the subject thereof.
- Nothing contained in this RFQ can modify or change IDOT’s obligations under the Illinois FOIA or other applicable law.

11.2 Confidential Contents

- If a Proposer submits any information that it deems to be trade secrets or commercial or financial information that is proprietary, privileged or confidential, disclosure of which would cause competitive harm, or information otherwise protected from disclosure, whether in the SOQ, RFC or otherwise, the Proposer shall specifically and conspicuously mark such information “CONFIDENTIAL” in the header or footer of each affected page. Blanket designations that do not specifically identify the confidential information will not be acceptable and may be cause for IDOT to treat the entire document as public information.
- In addition, any information marked “CONFIDENTIAL” must be accompanied by a separate statement

justifying its assessment. As noted in Section 11.1, denials of public records requests under Illinois FOIA may be subject to review by the Public Access Counselor established in the Office of the Illinois Attorney General and may be subject to judicial review. Additional information provided by the Proposer regarding the materials it deems to be proprietary, privileged, or confidential may be useful for purposes of any such review.

- In no event will IDOT or any of its agents, representatives, consultants, directors, officers, or employees be responsible or liable to a Proposer, Proposer team member or any other party as a result of the disclosure of all or any portion of an SOQ, RFC, or any other information submitted in response to this RFQ, including materials marked “CONFIDENTIAL,” whether the disclosure is deemed required by Law, by determination of the IDOT FOIA Officer, an order of the Public Access Counselor or court order, or occurs through inadvertence, mistake, or negligence on the part of IDOT or its agents, representatives, officers, employees, contractors, or consultants.

11.3 Compliance with the Law in Illinois

Failure to comply with the law with regard to those legal requirements in Illinois (whether federal or State) regarding a Proposer’s ability to lawfully offer and perform any services proposed or related to the Project may render a Proposer’s SOQ submittal or RFP submittal, in the sole and reasonable discretion of IDOT, non-responsive and/or non-responsible, and in that event a Proposer’s SOQ submittal or RFP submittal may be returned without any consideration or evaluation for selection of contract award.

Exhibit 1 – RFQ Definitions and Acronyms

“**Act**” has the meaning given to it in Section 1.1.

“**Affiliate**” has the definition provided in Section 3.2.2.

“**Bureau of Innovative Project Delivery**” (**IPD Bureau**) means the Bureau, within IDOT charged with identifying, evaluating, and developing projects that may benefit from innovative approaches, including the use of various forms of project delivery allowable under law including Design-Build, progressive design-build, and Public- Private Partnerships.

“**Chief Procurement Officer**” (**CPO**) means the individual from IDOT responsible for overseeing all construction related procurement activity at IDOT.

“**Construction Manager**” means the individual from the Proposer's organization responsible for ensuring that the Project is constructed in accordance with the DB Contract requirements as defined in Section 3.3.6.

“**Construction Quality Control Manager**” means the individual from the Proposer's organization responsible for managing the Proposer’s construction quality control functions as defined in Section 3.3.6.

“**Construction Oversight Team**” means the construction manager responsible for providing design reviews, construction acceptance, oversight of utility relocations, independent quality assurance surveys, independent material testing, documentation of construction, risk management, and oversight of construction activities, including construction management, maintenance of traffic, permit compliance, and other services which may include: value engineering, stakeholder coordination, or public involvement management.

“**Contractor**” or “**DB Contractor**” means the Proposer that has entered into a DB Contract with IDOT as defined under Section 1.1 and in accordance with the DB Contract.

“**Design-Build Contract**” or “**DB Contract**” means the contract entered into between IDOT and the DB Contractor for the design and construction of the Project.

“**Design Manager**” means the individual from the Proposer’s organization responsible for managing the overall Project design as defined in Section 3.3.6.

“**Design Quality Control Manager**” means the individual from the Proposer’s organization responsible for managing the over Project design quality as defined in Section 3.3.6.

“**Designated Contact**” means the individual designated by a Proposer as the point of contact for communications with IDOT during the procurement.

“**Disadvantaged Business Enterprise**” (**DBE**) means as defined in Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 26, as amended, and the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575/4).

“**DBE Utilization Plan**” means the Contractor’s approach that will be implemented to achieve the DBE goal as defined in Section 10.

“**District Project Manager**” (**District PM**) means the IDOT project manager responsible for the design and construction aspects of the Project.

“**FHWA**” means the United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration.

“**IDOT Procurement Manager**” means the individual from IDOT responsible for overseeing all procurement related activities and serving as the single point of contact during the procurement phase for all communication between Proposers and IDOT as identified in Section 2.3.

“Illinois Department of Transportation” (IDOT or the Department) means the agency within the State of Illinois charged with the construction and maintenance of State-maintained public roadways and provides funding for rail, public transit, and airport projects and administers fuel tax and federal funding to local jurisdictions.

“Illinois FOIA” means the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.

“Illinois Procurement Code” means the codified General Provisions of Illinois Statutes under 30 ILCS 500.

“Illinois Public Construction Bond Act” means the codified General Provision of Illinois Statutes under 30 ILCS 550/0.01 et seq.

“IPD Procurements Website” means the webpage where Notices of Intent (NOI) and RFQ will be located.

“Key Personnel” means the individuals from the Proposer's organization who will serve in key lead roles, with minimum qualifications as defined in [Section 3.3.6](#).

“Key Subcontractor” means a subcontractor that will perform 10% or greater of the construction value.

“Letter of Submittal” means a component of the SOQ containing information defining the legal entity of the Proposer and its Affiliates together with certain required certifications and commitments as described in [Section 3.2](#).

“PLA Act” has the meaning given to it in [Section 2.16](#).

“Principal Officer” means the individual from the Proposer's organization who will serve as the authorized officer of the Proposer with signature authority over contracts and other legal instruments (e.g., President, Treasurer, Chairperson of the Board of Directors, etc.).

“Principal Participant” means any of the following entities:

- (i) any joint venture, partner, or firm holding an interest in the DB Contractor if the DB Contractor is a joint venture, partnership, or other form of unincorporated legal entity;
- (ii) any person or firm holding (directly or indirectly) a 15% or greater interest in the DB Contractor if the DB Contractor is a corporation, limited liability company, or other form of incorporated legal entity;
- (iii) parent company or Affiliate of the DB Contractor or another Principal Participant that will provide financial support to such firm (guarantor) to meet the financial obligations of the DB Contract, or
- (iv) the lead engineering/design firm(s); and each engineering/design sub-consultant that will perform 30% or more of the design work.

“Procurement Schedule” has the meaning given to it in [Section 1.2](#).

“Project” means the facility to be constructed under this DB Contract as described in [Section 2.2](#) of this RFQ.

“Project Information Documents” (PIDs) has the meaning given to it in [Section 2.2.2](#).

“Project Manager” means the individual from the Proposer's organization who will serve as the single point of contact for the Project and will be responsible for the overall preconstruction services, construction, quality management and DB Contract administration for the Project as described in [Section 3.3.6](#).

“Proposal” means the Proposer's submittal in response to an RFP containing its technical and financial approach to develop the Project, inclusive of all information and documents required in the RFP.

“Proposer” or “Proposers” means those entities or groups interested in submitting SOQs for the management and construction of the Project.

“Public Records Laws” has the meaning given to it in [Section 11.1](#).

“Quality Assurance Manager” means the individual from the Proposer's organization responsible for quality

assurance services as defined in Section 3.3.6.

“Reference Information Documents” (RIDs) has the meaning given to it in Section 2.2.2.

“Related Entities” means any entity that is a parent, Affiliate, or subsidiary, at any tier, of any of the foregoing entities, or that is under common ownership, control, or management with any of the foregoing entities (“Related Entities” of the foregoing) may also be precluded from participating on or advising a Proposer team due to an organizational conflict of interest.

“Request for Clarification” (RFC) means a Proposer’s written request for clarification regarding this RFQ, as described in Section 2.4.

“Request for Proposals” (RFP) means a Project announcement by IDOT indicating that Proposals for a Project are sought. The RFP describes the Project, its goals, the Proposal process, and contract terms. The RFP will not be available to the public; only shortlisted Proposers will receive the RFP and will be allowed to submit a Proposal in response to the RFP.

“Request for Qualifications” (RFQ) means a Project announcement posted publicly by IDOT indicating that qualifications for the Project are sought. The RFQ refers to the pre-qualification stage of the procurement process. Only those proponents who successfully respond to the RFQ and meet the qualification criteria may be included in the subsequent RFP process.

“RFC Submittal Form” means Form 10 that is provided for purposes of submitting RFCs in response to this RFQ.

“RFP Step” means the period of time from issuance of the RFP to notification and award of the DB Contract when shortlisted Proposers prepare and submit their Proposals to IDOT for evaluation and scoring.

“RFQ Step” means the period of time from issuance of the RFQ to notification of the shortlisted Proposers when Proposers prepare and submit their SOQs to IDOT for evaluation and scoring.

“Safety Manager” means the individual from the Proposer's organization responsible for achieving the safety goals of the Project with the minimum qualification as defined in Section 3.3.6.

“Secretary” means the Illinois Secretary of Transportation.

“State” refers to the State of Illinois.

“State Laws” means any Law or any change in any Law by any State Party.

“State Party” means any State entity that is a party to this Project contract.

“Statement of Qualifications” (SOQ) means the Proposer's submittal in response to a RFQ containing its team composition and qualifications to deliver the Project, inclusive of all information and documents required in the RFQ.

“Statement of Qualifications Checklist” or “SOQ Checklist” means the list of all required documents and information to be contained within the Proposer's SOQ per Form 1 - Statement of Qualifications Checklist and Contents.

“USDOT” means the United States Department of Transportation.

“Utility Coordinator” means the individual from the Proposer's organization responsible for managing all utility coordination and utility design activities with the overall Project design as defined in Section 3.3.6.

“Work” means collectively, the development, design, construction, completion, management, and any other services identified in the DB Contract to be performed by the Contractor.

Exhibit 2 – Location Map

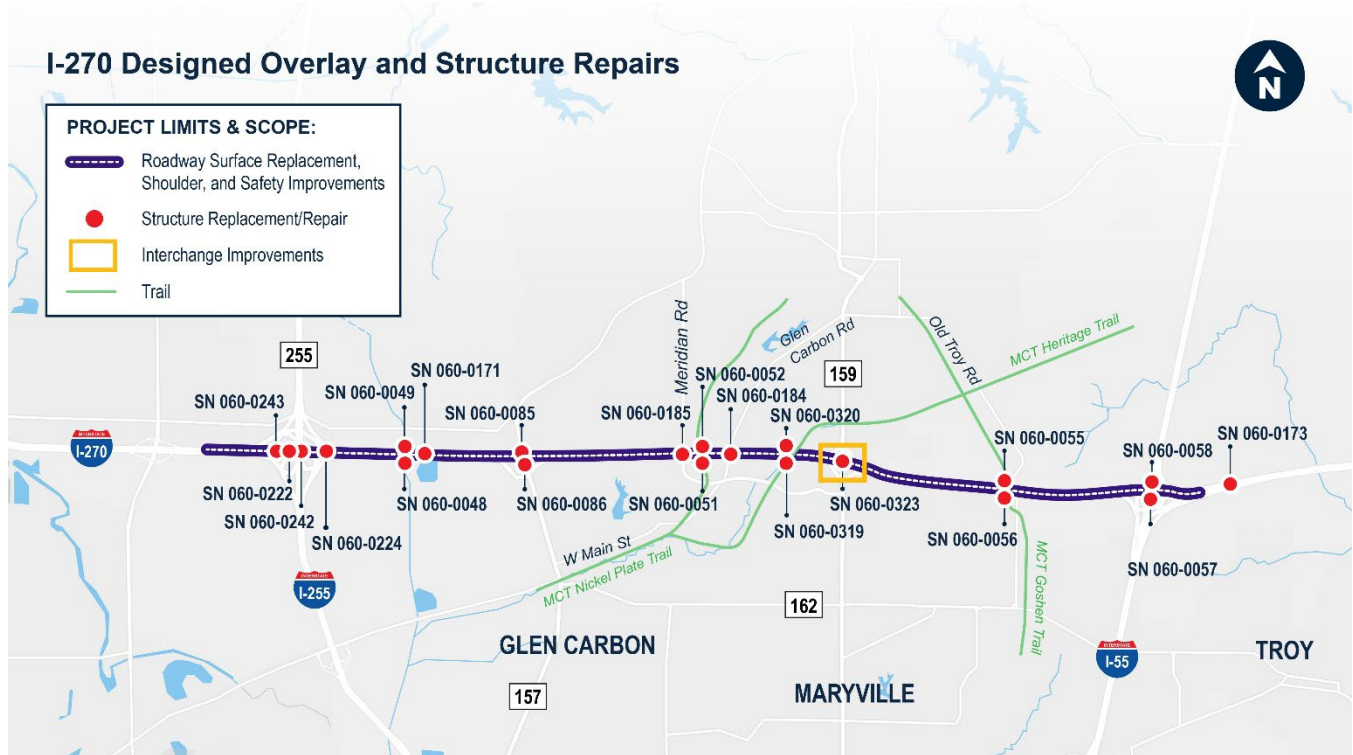


Exhibit 3 – Preliminary Reference Information Documents

A list of preliminary RIDs has been provided in this Exhibit 3. The preliminary RIDs will be provided to the shortlisted Proposers during the RFP Step. The RIDs are for informational purposes only and are subject to revision, correction, or alteration. The RIDs provided may only be relied upon by a Proposer at its own risk and will not be considered contractual or binding in nature.

LIST OF PRELIMINARY REFERENCE INFORMATION DOCUMENTS

RID As-Built
(Descriptions of as-builts are provided for information only and may not be entirely accurate)
Existing Plans

RID Concept Plans and Data
Bridge Evaluations

RID Miscellaneous Reference Information
Phase I Project Report (draft)
Environmental Survey Request Submittal
Preliminary Environmental Site Assessment Response

Exhibit 4 – Preliminary Project Information Documents

PIDs are data driven, project studies or other related information provided by the Department and are intended to be relied upon by the Proposer. A preliminary list of PIDs has been provided in this Exhibit 4. The PIDs will be provided to the shortlisted Proposers during the RFP Step.

LIST OF PRELIMINARY PROJECT INFORMATION DOCUMENTS

PID Studies, Reports, or Other Documents
Pavement Cores
Survey Data
Environmental Clearances
Preliminary Environmental Site Assessment

Exhibit 5 – Example Notice of Shortlisting Results



(DATE OF POSTING)

IDOT [insert project name]

Contract No.: _____

The following teams have been shortlisted for the [insert project name]:

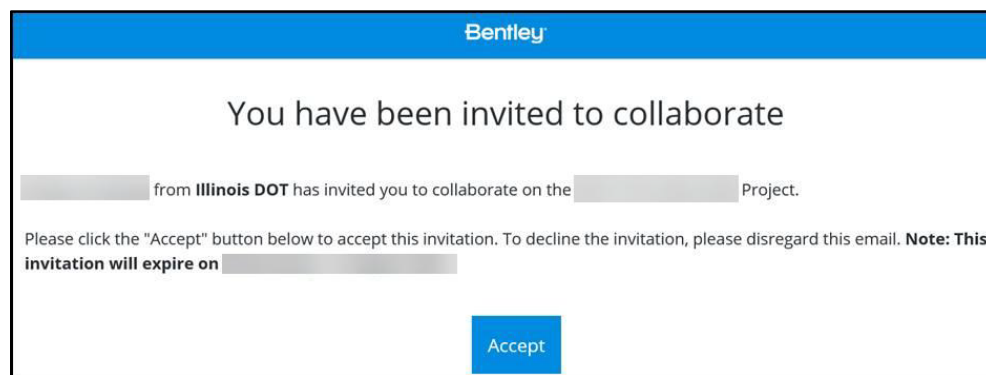
Shortlisted Teams
Company 1
Company 2
Company 3

Exhibit 6 – IPD ProjectWise Portal Access Guide

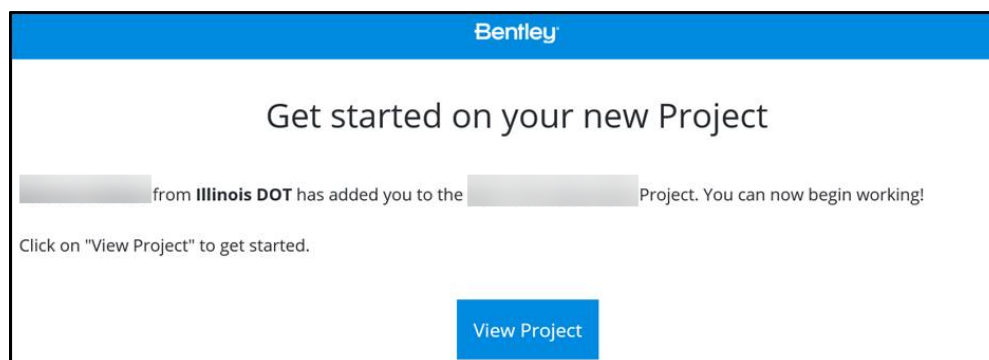
IDOT provides shortlisted Proposers with IDOT access to the IPD Project File Exchange datasource in ProjectWise via the Bentley CONNECTED Website. To access the IPD Project File Exchange datasource, Users **MUST** set up an account with Bentley at <https://connect.bentley.com/> utilizing their email address at your Firm or Organization **FIRST**. Proposers must request access for up to two Users by providing their information in Form 11 - IPD ProjectWise Portal Access Request Form and submit it to the email referenced in [Section 2.3](#).

Once the account is created on IPD Project File Exchange datasource in ProjectWise, you will receive a notification email confirming setup. Follow the steps below to connect to the IPD Project File Exchange datasource.

1. The requested User **MUST** have a Bentley account created at <https://connect.bentley.com/>
2. Once the account has been set up, the User will receive two emails:
 - a. One email will be from the IDOT system acknowledging that the User's account has been set up.

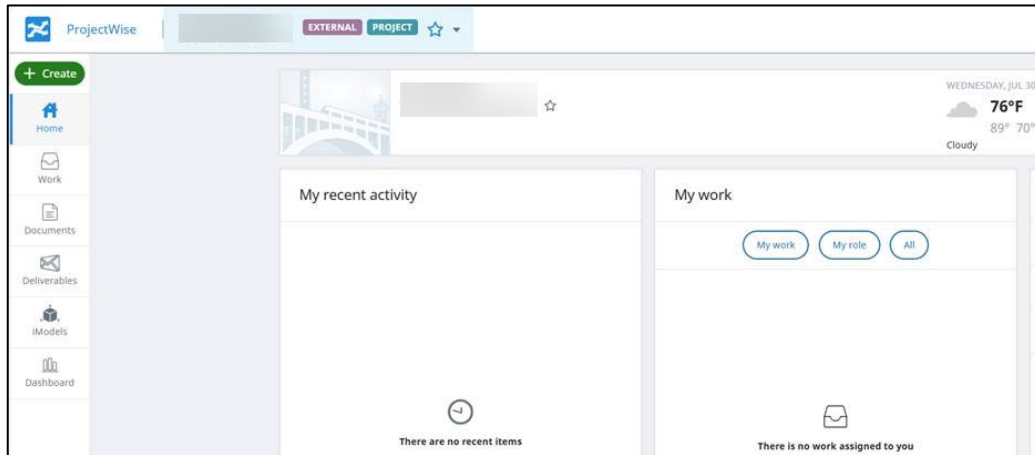


- b. The other email will be from no-reply@bentley.com giving the User a link to the IDOT IPD online portal for the Project. The user will have 14 days to accept the invite.



3. Select "View Project" from the email and the default browser will open to the site. Log in using the email and password that User setup with their Bentley Account.
4. To access the IDOT IPD Project File Exchange folder, select "**Documents**" from the menu along the left

side of the screen.



5. The folders will display, and you can upload and download documents.
 - a. To upload file(s) or folder(s) just drag and drop them into your browser window.
 - b. To download file(s) or folder(s) select the box at the beginning of the name and then select "Download" from the menu across the top.

Any questions or issues with access can be submitted via email to the IDOT Procurement Manager as noted in Section 2.3.