

LETTING YOU KNOW

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is interested in maintaining close communications with industry. This newsletter highlights subjects that we believe will be of interest to you.

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Important Changes to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act

Public Act 104-0160 was signed into law on August 14, 2025 and amends the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act by changing the definition of “public works” to include all federal construction projects administered or controlled by a public body if the prevailing rate of wages published by the Illinois Department of Labor is equal to or greater than the prevailing wage determination by the United States Secretary of Labor for the same locality for the same type of construction used to classify the federal construction project.

<https://www.ilga.gov/Legislation/PublicActs/View/104-0160>

Hard Copies of Contractor's Executed Contracts

IDOT is no longer mailing out hard copies of the complete executed contracts. Contractors now receive executed contracts and bonds via email, sent to the address designated in the Contractor's Vendor Portal. Please be sure that your Vendor Portal is updated with the correct email address to receive these documents.

Also, please note that for execution the Department requires just one original of the Contract and (if applicable) the Contract Bond

Affidavit for Illinois Business Certification

Please upload the BDE 422 signed affidavit when bidding on projects with the Certification N requirement. The form can be found here: <https://idot.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/idot/documents/idot-forms/bde/bde-422.pdf>

IDOT Division of Aeronautics Federal-Aid Contracts

New FAA Buy American Preference provisions apply to all IDOT Division of Aeronautics federal-aid contracts. Failure to submit a “Certification of Compliance with FAA Buy American Preference – Construction Projects” form in accordance with the bidding procedures set forth in the proposal document (Appendix A4 BUY AMERICAN PREFERENCE) will result in the bid being declared non-responsive. The following is from the proposal document (Appendix A4 BUY AMERICAN PREFERENCE).

The bidder shall submit the completed and signed “Certification of Compliance with FAA Buy American Preference – Construction Projects” form with the bid. The required form must be uploaded in the “Miscellaneous Documents” area as a single .pdf file in the “Integrated Contractor Exchange (iCX)” application within the Department’s “EBids System”.

The Department will not accept a “Certification of Compliance with FAA Buy American Preference – Construction Projects” form if it does not meet the bidding procedures set forth herein and the bid will be declared non-responsive. In the event the bid is declared non-responsive, the Department may elect to cause the forfeiture of the penal sum of the bidder's proposal guaranty and may deny authorization to bid the project if re-advertised for bids.

**New Dates for
March 2026
Letting**

The March 2026 Letting date has been moved to February 27, 2026. The bulletin will be posted to the IDOT Website on January 23, 2026.

STAY INFORMED!

Keep in touch with your representative on the IDOT/Industry Policy Committee and the IDOT/Industry Joint Co-op Committee.



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