

# 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>

## **USDOT Bidder List for Prime Contractors**

The Department is collecting data from Prequalified Prime Contractors as required by USDOT's Bidder List information (**49 CFR Part 26.11**). This information **is required to be submitted** for Prequalified Prime Contractors with a 4-digit prequalification number who bid on at least one contract from 10/1/2024 to 9/30/2025, or who anticipate bidding on future IDOT contracts. Please submit your response by close of business on October 15,

2025: <https://forms.office.com/g/9juEzygEuw>

Questions may be directed to the Bureau of Small Business Enterprises at (217) 782-5490.

## **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 Requirement for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Buy American Preference**

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.

**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

**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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