

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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Overall DBE Goal-Setting Methodology Report and Public Meeting for Comment

In accordance with 49 Code of Federal Regulations 26.45, the Illinois Department of Transportation will submit its triennial [Overall DBE Goal-Setting Methodology](#) to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The methodology calls for an overall DBE goal of 20.27 percent for federal fiscal years 2025-2027. IDOT expects to meet 16.83% of this goal through race-conscious means and 3.44% of this goal through race-neutral means. The availability analysis ("[Exhibit A](#)") referenced in the report is also available for review.

Public comments pertaining to this goal recommendation can be emailed to DOT.DBEPublicComment@illinois.gov no later than close of business on Tuesday, July 30, 2024. IDOT will also host two Public Information Hearings via Webex to discuss the goal setting methodology and allow attendees to comment on it.

The first public meeting will be held via Webex on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, from 1:00pm-3:00pm. To join this meeting, the link is: <https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/j.php?MTID=ma46b4c28bec55a62113fd54390b88571>

From a mobile device, the number and access code to the July 17 meeting are: (312) 535-8110, code # 2632 577 0859

The second public meeting will be held via Webex on Tuesday, July 23, 2024, from 4:00pm-6:00pm. To join this meeting, the link is: <https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/j.php?MTID=mbe621d4aea5fe104b4bfbcf2cb110579>

From a mobile device, the number and access code to the July 23 meeting are: (312) 535-8110, code # 2630 844 7702

No Contract Bond for Projects under \$500K

As per Public Act 103-0570, contract bonds are not required for projects with award amounts under \$500,000. The Act is in place as of January 1, 2024 and applies to projects let after that date."

IDOT Profile Equipment Verification Program

The Illinois Department of Transportation "Profile Equipment Verification Program" has been renamed to the "Profiler Certification Program" and will be held at the Illinois Certification and Research Track near Trenton, IL. ([location map](#)) The program has been revised to more closely follow the standards that are prescribed in AASHTO R56. Schedule appointments through <https://icart.setmore.com/>. For more information, please contact John Senger by email at John.Senger@illinois.gov.

**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.

**New Pay Item Reports
with Awarded Pricing**

In response to industry partner requests for more timely reporting of Pay Items with Awarded Pricing; IDOT has changed its policy of waiting until all contracts on a letting are satisfied.

The Department will now provide Pay Item Reports with Awarded Prices as contracts are executed. To locate the files, visit the Transportation Bulletin page on the IDOT website for the letting in question and click on the link labeled “Pay Item Reports with Awarded Prices”.

**New Requirements
for Build America,
Buy America (BABA)**

As part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) / Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) signed into Public Law 117-58 on November 15, 2021, the Build America, Buy America (BABA) Act was expanded beyond what was previously only required for steel/iron products to include a list of construction materials also required to be manufactured in the United States. Beginning with the January 20, 2023 letting, all federal-aid contracts will be subject to the new BABA requirements as written in the “Source of Supply and Quality Requirements (BDE)” special provision.

To help facilitate these new requirements, a “List of Construction Materials Subject to Build America, Buy America (BABA)” has been created (for information only) and is now available on the Department’s website: <https://idot.illinois.gov/Assets/uploads/files/Doing-Business/Specialty-Lists/Highways/Materials/Materials-&-Physical-Research/Metals/BABA-Construction-Materials-List.pdf>

The list is subject to change as more information becomes available from the USDOT/FHWA, so please check back periodically for updates.

LCP Tracker

IDOT now requires prime contractors and subcontractors to enter certified payrolls into the LCP Tracker Pro software solution for state-let contracts. No software purchase is required. Upon contract execution, contractors will be granted the ability to login to the Illinois DOT LCP Tracker solution and begin entering employee and payroll information for IDOT contracts. Please take note of the revised "Submission of Payroll Records" special provision included in each contract.

Bid Preference for Illinois Businesses

Effective January 1, 2023, Section 45-105 of the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500) requires a bid preference for Illinois businesses on Illinois-based projects. A new Certification N, if applicable, will be included in the bid proposal package requirements of the electronic bidding software (iCX). For any contract having a total construction cost of more than \$100,000.00, the Department shall allocate to any responsible bidder that is an Illinois business a bid preference of 4 percent of the contract base bid. This certification does not apply to federal-aid projects. The bid preference is used only to calculate an amount to be used in evaluating the bid to determine the low bidder, and it does not affect the contract price.

STAY INFORMED!

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

**Illinois Department of Transportation**