

# 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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## **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.*

**IDOT Profile  
Equipment  
Verification Program**

*The Illinois Department of Transportation Profile Equipment Verification Program is being updated and will no longer be held at the Rantoul Airport. In 2023, the program will be renamed to the Profiler Certification Program and will be held at the Illinois Certification and Research Track near Trenton, IL. Also, the program is being revised to more closely follow the standards that are prescribed in AASHTO R56. The tentative date for appointments will begin on or around April 1, 2023 and will be available for scheduling approximately 3 weeks before the first available appointment. More information on the new location, changes to the program, and method for scheduling will be made public in early 2023.*

**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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