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IDOT Issues Request for Qualifications for Illiana to Design, Build, Finance, Operate, and Maintain

IDOT will host outreach event for disadvantaged business enterprises and industry firms interested in bidding on project

Springfield, IL – The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) today released a Request for Qualifications (RFQ), seeking qualifications by private industry partners to design, build, finance, maintain and operate the Illinois portion of the Illiana.

Interested firms or project teams can submit a Statement of Qualifications that will be used to determine eligibility in the upcoming Public Private Partnership (P3) process on the Illinois portion of the Illiana. The Indiana portion will be developed later, under a separate P3 project, with procurement by the Indiana Finance Authority and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT).

Private sector participation is being sought to spur innovation that will lead to delivery of the Illiana more quickly, efficiently, and at less cost, utilizing an Availability Payment structure. Availability Payment is when a private concessionaire designs, constructs, operates, and maintains a tolled or non-tolled roadway for a set period of time and receive set payments for the availability of the facility based on meeting performance criteria. Financing options may include private equity, taxable debt, federal credit assistance such as TIFIA, and private activity bonds. Availability payments have been widely used in Canada, Europe, and Australia, but are just beginning to gain momentum in the U.S.

IDOT and INDOT are working together to coordinate technical requirements, tolling policy, the federal environmental approval process, and construction schedules for the two-state Illiana Corridor Project.

In conjunction with the RFQ release, IDOT is hosting an Outreach Event for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) and other industry firms that are interested in bidding on work for the project. The event is designed to help potential subcontractors meet and create relationships with potential prime contractors, and will be held December 4, 2013 at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center in Joliet.

The federally mandated DBE Program provides contracting opportunities to small businesses owned and managed by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals who are certified under federal DBE guidelines.

For more information about the project and Outreach Event, as well as how to register, visit www.IllianaCorridor.org/P3.

The RFQ and submission requirements are posted on the official procurement site for state projects at www.dot.il.gov/desenv/transprocbulletin.html.

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ABOUT THE ILLIANA CORRIDOR: The Illiana Corridor is a proposed 47-mile access controlled highway facility that extends from I-55 in Illinois on the west to I-65 in Indiana on the east. The preferred corridor is located in Will County in Illinois and Lake County in Indiana. When built, the Illiana will reduce the strain of truck traffic on local roads, thereby improving safety, travel times, and accessibility to jobs.

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