

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

March 18, 2014

**CONTACT:**

Jae Miller, IDOT (312) 814-4693

## **Illinois Short List Proposers to Present at DBE Event**

*Illinois DBEs and contractors invited to learn about opportunities*

Springfield, IL - The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) today announced a second DBE outreach event for the Illiana Corridor, featuring presentations from the four Illinois proposal team finalists. The event will take place on April 3, 2014 at the Tinley Park Convention Center.

***April 3, 2014 - Tinley Park Convention Center  
18451 Convention Center Drive, Tinley Park, IL 60477***

***Check-in: 1:00 – 1:30 pm***

***Presentations: 1:30 – 2:45 pm***

***Rotating sessions with proposal team finalists: 2:50 – 6:00 pm***

As an opportunity for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) and other firms interested in working on the Illinois portion of the Illiana Corridor, the event is expected to attract attendees from Illinois DBEs, small businesses and other industry firms. The event will provide a forum to meet with proposal team members and the IDOT study team to learn about design and construction opportunities, as well as learn about certification and eligibility.

"We are still very early on in the RFP process for the Illiana, so there are many opportunities for DBEs to get involved," said Illinois Transportation Secretary Ann L. Schneider. "We are eager to provide new business opportunities and jobs for Illinois firms. This is an exciting start to something that will bring much-needed revenue to the heart of Illinois."

IDOT has selected the final list of qualified developer teams that will be allowed to bid on the Illinois portion of the Illiana. These four teams will be represented at the event to discuss plans and teaming opportunities for their proposals. The selected team will design, build, finance, operate and maintain the Illinois portion of the Illiana. Design work will begin immediately upon team selection.

-over-

The selected finalist teams for the *Illinois portion* of the Illiana are:

- Illiana West Mobility Partners
- Illinois Corridor Connection Group
- Illinois Mobility Partners
- WM Illinois – Illiana Partners

The Indiana procurement is being handled separately by the Indiana Finance Authority (IFA) and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT).

**ABOUT THE ILLIANA CORRIDOR:**

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

IDOT and the Indiana Finance Authority (IFA)/Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), plan to begin construction on the Illiana in 2015. When built, the Illiana Corridor will reduce truck traffic on local roads, improving safety, travel times and access to jobs. Beyond the regional benefits for freight and intermodal connections, the Illiana Corridor will provide an opportunity for jobs and economic development. Potential benefits include the creation of more than 13,000 construction jobs and thousands of long-term jobs amounting to \$1.3 billion in wages over a 35-year period.

For more information, visit: [www.IllianaCorridor.org/P3](http://www.IllianaCorridor.org/P3)

###