



## News Release

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### ***IDOT Announces Developer Team Finalists for the Illinois Portion of Illiana***

**Springfield, IL** – The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) today announced the final list of qualified developer teams that will be allowed to bid on the Illinois portion of the Illiana. These teams were among five that submitted Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) to design, build, finance, operate and maintain the Illinois portion of the Illiana. The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) submittal period began on November 8, and ended on December 19, 2013.

IDOT evaluated the submittal teams and selected the finalists based on experience and qualifications.

“The Illiana is a wonderful opportunity for contractors and the State of Illinois to develop a public-private partnership that will bring jobs to Illinois, boost the regional economy, and save time and money for taxpayers,” said IDOT Secretary Ann Schneider. “It is clear from the responses we received, and the qualifications of these teams, that this is an excellent project. We are very pleased at what we’ve seen.”

The shortlist marks a major step forward for the Illiana project - 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.

IDOT and the Indiana Finance Authority (IFA)/Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), plan to begin construction on the Illiana in the spring of 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 9,000 construction jobs and thousands of long-term jobs amounting to \$1.3 billion in wages over a 35-year period.

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***The four teams on the shortlist for the Illinois portion of the Illiana are (in no particular order):***

**ILLIANA WEST MOBILITY PARTNERS**

**Equity Members:** Cintra Infraestructuras, S.A.

**Lead Contractor:** Ferrovial Agroman US Corp and White Construction, Inc.

**ILLINOIS CORRIDOR CONNECTION GROUP**

**Equity Members:** ACS Infrastructure Development, Inc., and Fengate Capital Management, Ltd.

**Lead Contractor:** Dragados USA, Inc., F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielson & Associates, LLC, and William Charles Construction Company, LLC

**ILLINOIS MOBILITY PARTNERS**

**Equity Members:** Fluor Enterprises, Inc., and Plenary Group USA Ltd.

**Lead Contractor:** Illinois Mobility Constructors (Fluor Enterprises, Inc., Lane Construction Corporation, and Granite Construction Co.

**WM ILLINOIS – ILLIANA PARTNERS, LLC**

**Equity Members:** Meridiam Infrastructure Illiana IL, LLC, and Walsh Investors, LLC

**Lead Contractor:** Walsh Construction Company, IL, LLC

Over the next several months IDOT will engage with these teams in the Request for Proposals (RFP) phase of the process.

The Indiana procurement is being handled separately by IFA and INDOT. RFQ submissions for the Indiana portion were due on January 10, 2014. IDOT and INDOT are working together to coordinate technical requirements, tolling policy, the federal environmental approval process, and construction schedules for the two-state project.

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

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