

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Project: Bridge Replacements of SN 050-0041, which carries US 34/IL 23 over Little Indian Creek, and SN 050-0058, which carries US 52 over the Fox River – Design-Build Delivery

District 3, LaSalle County, Contract No.: 66P04

Responses to Requests for Clarifications (RFCs) – April 18, 2025

The following Requests for Clarifications (RFCs) were received from prospective Proposers for the above captioned project. The responses provided by IDOT may be relied upon by Proposers when submitting a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) for in response to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) issued on March 28, 2025. Where indicated, Addendum No. 1 to the RFQ has been issued to provide proposers with any changes to the RFQ resulting from IDOT’s responses to these RFCs.

No.	RFQ Section	Addendum	Request for Clarification	IDOT Response
1	N/A	N/A	Can Phase I Information be shared?	IDOT will provide the Phase I information to the shortlisted Proposers with the Request for Proposal.
2	N/A	N/A	Have borings been completed for the TS&L drawings? Can location and results be shared? If borings were drilled, will the District perform any additional borings if requested for additional information or alternative designs? It is difficult to know what work is required and subconsultants necessary to perform work.	IDOT will provide the existing borings to the shortlisted Proposers with the Request for Proposal. Shortlisted Proposers will need to review the existing borings and determine if they need additional borings to complete their design.
3	N/A	N/A	Can the phase I hydraulic report and models be shared for the two locations?	IDOT will provide the Phase I information to the shortlisted Proposers with the Request for Proposal.
4	N/A	N/A	Was a roadway survey completed as part of the Phase I?	Yes. IDOT will provide the Phase I information to the shortlisted Proposers with the Request for Proposal.
5	N/A	N/A	What software was used to generate the Phase I proposed CADD files?	Phase I drawings were prepared in MicroStation. This project will be completed using the latest IDOT CADD Environment utilized by IDOT at the time Proposals are submitted.
6	N/A	N/A	Do we need to disclose DBEs for the RFQ? In general, contractors wait on disclosing DBE until time of bid. Assume design subconsultants would be required at RFQ stage. Please advise. Naturally understanding the level of effort is necessary to accurately show DBE%,	Proposers are not required to disclose DBEs for the RFQ. As noted in RFQ Section 3.2.1, Proposers are required to provide a written statement within the Letter of Submittal that Proposer is committed to achieving an eighteen percent (18%) DBE utilization goal for design work and eight percent (8%) DBE utilization goal for construction work. In addition, Proposers will be evaluated on the narrative provided for RFQ Section 3.6 Evaluation Criteria - Team Diversity & Community Engagement.
7	N/A	N/A	Has the project received IDOT/SHPO cultural resources clearance to allow a full reconstruction of both bridges without any historic restrictions and/or conditions applied to the proposed structures?	Cultural Resource clearance is in progress. IDOT will provide Cultural Resource information to the shortlisted Proposers when available.

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8	RFQ Section 2.12	Addendum No. 1	Will the indemnification requirements in the DB Contract be bifurcated between professional liability indemnity obligations and general liability indemnity obligations? As written, the indemnity obligation as it would relate to any professional liability claims would be uninsurable since professional liability insurance coverage does not provide an upfront defense for indemnitees. Reimbursement for any defense costs relating to a professional liability claim would occur post-adjudication.	Professional Liability Insurance requirements will be addressed in the RFP.
9	RFQ Form 10	N/A	Per the instructions on this form, all RFCs shall be submitted in Word format. Please confirm that a signature is not required on each RFC, as the form cannot be edited.	Proposers may insert electronic copies of a signature into the Form 10 Word document.
10	RFQ Section 3.5	N/A	Section 3.5 states that Form 8 should include projects from the Proposer team (Principal Participants and Key Subcontractors) Section 3.5 also states that "at least one project should feature the applicable experience of the Design Manager from Section 3.4.6." The Design Manager is employed by the Lead Designer on the Proposer's team, which by definition, is not a Principal Participant or Key Subcontractor. Please confirm that it is acceptable to submit projects from the Proposer's Lead Designer.	Section 2.9 defines the Principal Participants including "(iv) the lead engineering/design firm(s); and each engineering/design subconsultant that will perform 30% or more of the design work." Therefore, the Proposer should include at least one project featuring the applicable experience of the Lead Designer.
11	RFQ Section 4.2	N/A	Please confirm that photos and graphics are acceptable (within the required page limit).	Proposer generated graphics may be included at the Proposer's discretion and will be counted within the relevant page limits stated in this RFQ. Captions for graphics may be Times New Roman 10-point font.
12	RFQ Section 1.2	N/A	We respectfully request that the deadline for submitting RFCs be extended to 5/5/2025.	IDOT will not extend the deadline for submitting RFC(s).
13	N/A	N/A	How will the Design-Build Contractor be compensated if there are material cost increases or schedule overruns caused by new tariffs or other changes in trade policy that are imposed after the Design-Build Contract is executed?	IDOT will monitor commodity prices for fuel, steel and asphalt and may consider including certain Special Provisions in the RFP if market prices are volatile at the time of RFP issuance.
14	RFQ Section 3.5	N/A	Section 3.5 Proposer Experience does not mention any narrative requirements but mentions Form 8 be provided for a minimum of 2 projects and maximum of 10 projects. Please confirm the only requirement for this section is the Form 8's. In addition, can a brief narrative introduction be provided if it is within the 15-page SOQ limit?	The only requirement for Section 3.5 is for the Proposer to provide a Form 8 for each project the Proposer chooses to include. A brief narrative introduction for the Section may be provided at the Proposer's discretion.

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15	RFQ Section 3.4.6.D	Addendum No. 1	Please confirm the intent of this paragraph: " It will be . . . Design Quality Control Manager to manage the Proposer's construction Quality Control functions . . ."	IDOT will revise this paragraph to state "It will be the responsibility of the Design Quality Control Manager to manage the Proposer's construction Design Quality Control functions and will."
16	RFQ Section 3.4.6.D.ii	Addendum No. 1	Please confirm how visiting the site relates to validating design quality – this appears to be a function of construction and not related to a design quality task?	IDOT will review this sentence to state "Visit the site Review all design documents as necessary to validate design quality; and respond to any quality issues, and report on that visit to the District PM"
17	RFQ Section 3.4.6	Addendum No. 1	We would request information on co-location requirements be identified at time of SOQ. Co-location seems unnecessary and excessively burdensome for the requirements of this project. Co-location to District 3 would be a factor in key personnel selection.	Co-location will not be required for this project.
18	RFQ Section 2.5	N/A	In Section 2.5 Article D of the RFQ, it indicates "Proposers shall not contact the stakeholders regarding the Project." Can you please clarify if shortlisted teams will be able to contact stakeholders during the proposal stage? If teams do not have the ability to contact stakeholders to understand their impact to the project as it relates to the direction of project elements, schedule or costs it will negatively impact schedule and cost competitiveness as teams will have to make assumptions due to the unknowns. It is suggested IDOT allow shortlisted teams to contact stakeholders with the confidentiality of those conversations being a risk the shortlisted teams must consider.	Proposers may not contact stakeholders regarding this project during the RFP Phase. Any questions for stakeholders shall be sent to the IDOT Procurement Manager in writing. IDOT will provide any necessary coordination during the RFP Phase with appropriate stakeholders.
19	RFQ Section 3.4.6.H	Addendum No. 1	Does an IL SE meet the license requirements for the Design manager role or does it have to be an IL PE?	The Design Manager may be a licensed structural engineer in the State of Illinois or be able to obtain licensure by award of the DB Contract.
20	N/A	N/A	Due to this project being IDOT's first Design-Build Project, could IDOT provide proposers with a draft copy of the RFP/Contract Terms for review during the RFQ phase of the procurement?	The RFP/ Contract Terms will not be available for review during the RFQ Phase.
21	N/A	N/A	Will IDOT allow for commercial one on one meetings and negotiation of contract terms during the RFP Phase of the Project?	One-on-one meetings will be available for each shortlisted Proposer. The shortlisted Proposer will provide the agenda for the meeting. The Proposer may choose to provide comments on DB Contract terms during these meetings. IDOT will review any comments on DB Contract terms and determine if any revisions are appropriate.