

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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DBE Bidding Requirements UPDATE

IDOT has been working diligently with industry and FHWA to temporarily alleviate some of the immediate challenges that coincide with implementing new regulatory requirements. As a result of these ongoing discussions, IDOT and FHWA agreed to delay the implementation of new IDOT policies and special provisions until the March 7, 2025 letting.

The new requirements have been removed by addendum from contracts advertised on the January 17, 2025 letting and all contracts have reverted to the prior versions of the Special Provisions for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation and Weekly DBE Trucking Reports. The new DBE Participation Statement and DBE Utilization Plan forms will not be required for the January 17, 2025 letting, and bidders must use the prior versions of the SBE 2026 and SBE 2025, available online. Additionally, the Submission of Bidders List Information Special Provision has been removed from all contracts on the January 17, 2025 letting, and the electronic bidding application, iCXWeb, has also been adjusted to address the temporary removal of the bidders list requirements.

IDOT will continue working with industry on this topic as we prepare for implementation on the March letting. **Please reach out to SBE at DOT.DBE.UP@Illinois.gov with any questions.**

IDOT Division of Aeronautics Federal-Aid Contracts – New Requirement for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Buy American Preference

New FAA Buy American Preference provisions apply to all IDOT Division of Aeronautics federal-aid contracts. Failure to submit a “Certification of Compliance with FAA Buy American Preference – Construction Projects” form in accordance with the bidding procedures set forth in the proposal document (Appendix A4 BUY AMERICAN PREFERENCE) will result in the bid being declared non-responsive. The following is from the proposal document (Appendix A4 BUY AMERICAN PREFERENCE).

The bidder shall submit the completed and signed “Certification of Compliance with FAA Buy American Preference – Construction Projects” form with the bid. The required form must be uploaded in the “Miscellaneous Documents” area as a single .pdf file in the “Integrated Contractor Exchange (iCX)” application within the Department’s “EBids System”.

The Department will not accept the form if it does not meet the bidding procedures set forth herein and the bid will be declared non-responsive. In the event the bid is declared non-responsive, the Department may elect to cause the forfeiture of the penal sum of the bidder’s proposal guaranty and may deny authorization to bid the project if re-advertised for bids.

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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