

# **“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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## **Important Reminder to All Apparent Low Bidders.**

All low-bid contractors must submit the DBE Utilization Plan and Participation Statement (SBE 2025 and SBE 2026) within 5 (five) calendar days post letting, including bids that are above the Engineer's Estimate. Exception! In the event of a 0% DBE Goal, this process is not necessary! It is the bidder's responsibility to check the special provisions to determine the DBE Goal.

After a post letting review, bids initially identified as outside the awardable range may be awarded. In the event the bid is declared non-responsive due to failure to submit a Utilization Plan or failure to otherwise comply with the bidding procedures, the Department may elect to cause forfeiture of the penal sum of the bidder's proposal guaranty. Further, authorization to bid will not be granted on the project when advertised on a future letting.

## **MASH UPDATE**

MASH Implementation Update. IDOT continues the process of implementing Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH). IDOT's Qualified Products List (QPL) for Traffic Barrier Terminal, Type 1 Special (Tangent) has been modified to require successful MASH testing for these devices on lettings after June 30, 2018. Traffic Barrier Terminal, Type 1 Special (Flared) devices have a MASH implementation date of December 31, 2019. Cable barriers and impact attenuators have a MASH implementation date of December 31, 2018. Potential MASH-compliant devices are being monitored/reviewed by IDOT; additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

### **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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