



ADDENDUM #1  
August 21, 2024

PORTS OF INDIANA – MOUNT VERNON

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES  
FOR  
RAILWAY AND BRIDGE OR CULVERT DESIGN:  
INITIAL ACCESS RAIL TO TRANSLOAD YARD

*(Original RFP Issued Aug. 5, 2024 – [click here to download](#))*

**This Addendum #1 is intended to provide clarifications to the above referenced RFP and provide answers to common questions for companies submitting proposals:**

- 1) Is the intent for this contract to be for professional consulting design services only (as currently stated)? [The website states “design and construction services”.] - ***Yes, This RFP is for design services only.***
- 2) Alternatively, was the intent for this contract to be for design-build services with both design and construction services by a qualified consultant-contractor team? - ***At this time, we are not considering design-build services.***
- 3) The two above questions are based on the RFP requirement (under Section III.E.) that the new rail extension is constructed and operational by December 2025. Please confirm whether this is correct. - ***Yes, this is correct.***
- 4) If the answers to #1 and #3 are that this RFP is for design services only and that the December 2025 date is correct as stated, what is the target delivery date for all contract bid documents that would be required for advertisement/letting for construction? We do have concerns that this date as stated is achievable (\*\*and I can go into more details as to ‘why’ by phone if that would be useful for POI). - ***POI will negotiate the delivery date with the selected consultant.***
- 5) The RFP required prequalification categories (under Section III.) states that all consultants be qualified in at least one of 4 stated categories. There will likely be multiple subconsultants (e.g. geotechnical) that are qualified to complete portions of the work associated with this project BUT do not have prequalified certifications in any of those given categories. Please revise to include all applicable categories to the project scope or reword to allow for subconsultants that

do not fit under these 4 categories. - ***Consultants must be pre-qualified in at least one of the four categories listed in the RFP. Sub-consultants must be pre-qualified in the INDOT work type that covers the work they will complete for POI but are not limited to the list provided.***

6) Please confirm that Right-of-Way Engineering or Land Acquisition services will not be required for the rail extension and associated work. - ***no Right-of-Way Engineering or Land Acquisition services will be required.***

7) Regarding the Mt Vernon Rail Design RFP, does POI have an estimate of how many feet or miles of track need to be designed under this contract? Or a sketch showing approximately where this track will cross McFadden Creek? - ***approximately 3,000 linear feet of track.***

8) INDOT Prequalification 15.1 Specialty Not Defined (Railroad Engineering) is a prequalification typically given to consultants who are not able to qualify for any other prequalification category with INDOT. This prequalification is not typically given as a requirement for any INDOT RFQ as it is noted in the CPQ Manual on page 125, “It is important to understand that when INDOT advertises a RFP for a specialty type of work, there will be no specific work type required.” Can POI remove the 15.1 prequalification work type requirement from the RFQ since this would not typically be required in a State RFQ and will eliminate all interested parties who have experience with INDOT and who have multiple prequalification categories secured with INDOT? - ***Consultants must be pre-qualified in at least one of the four categories listed in the RFP. Sub-consultants must be pre-qualified in the INDOT work type that covers the work they will complete for POI but are not limited to the list provided.***

9) As part of the RFQ submission, may the IDOA Prequalification for Civil Engineer Site Dev. & Road Design be fulfilled by a subconsultant? - ***yes.***

10) The RFQ lists requirements for qualification on page 3 as “The Consultant that has a major office within the project area and has local project experience will be given preference.” Please define major office. Please define project area. - ***The scoring sheet shows an office within a radius of 50 miles from the Port where the project will take place.***

11) Appendix B lists the project to be greater than \$10,000,000. Please confirm. - ***POI anticipates this project will cost between \$2,000,000 and \$10,000,000. Please disregard the “greater than \$10,000,000” option in the matrix.***

**Consultants shall indicate receipt of this addendum in their LOI. Failure to do so may result in rejection of the LOI. Consultants shall not rely upon interpretations, clarifications, and/or approvals made in any other way.**