



Illinois Department of Transportation

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INDEFINITE DELIVERY / INDEFINITE QUANTITY CONTRACTS

COUNTY ENGINEERS / SUPERINTENDENTS OF HIGHWAYS
MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS / PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTORS / MAYORS
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS - DIRECTORS
TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS
CONSULTING ENGINEERS

On May 22, 2015 the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) published rules regarding the procurement, management, and administration of engineering and design related services, known as Qualification Based Selection (QBS). These rules were required to be implemented by June 22, 2016. Illinois was granted an extension until June 22, 2017 to fully implement these rules for local public agency projects. IDOT issued Circular Letter 2016-21 to provide local public agencies with information on the change in requirements.

One substantial change in the new rules relates to the procurement of Indefinite Delivery / Indefinite Quantity (ID/IQ) contracts, also known as various / various contracts. Local public agencies wishing to use federal funds through ID/IQ contracts after June 22, 2017 must develop new solicitations and make new selections based on the new federal QBS rules. Individual work orders under current ID/IQ contracts, which were not procured using the new federal QBS guidelines, must be fully executed between the local public agency and the consultant prior to June 22, 2017 to be eligible for federal funding. These requirements only apply to ID/IQ contracts issuing work orders using federal funds.

If you have any questions regarding this circular letter, please feel free to contact the local policy and technology unit by email at DOT.LocalPolicy@illinois.gov or by telephone at (217) 785 – 5048.

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