Industry Bundling Webinar 8.26.21
Questions & Answers

Question	Answer(s)
Can you confirm, the Project Delivery Method for now will be always Design-bid-build (D-B-B) and other methods are considered?	At this time, the department is only able to procure using Design/Bid/Build. If authority is given to use an alternative delivery method such as CMGC or Design/Build - we will evaluate and of course, complete stakeholder outreach.
Is Bridge Bundling procurement expected to be Phase I or Phase II or both?	We definitely want to hear from our industry partners on how this would work best for you all. But there is potential for each phase including construction to be bundled.
How is DBE engagement done? Is it through mentor protege?	We are looking for feedback on what would work best. We have to follow federal regulations when using federal funds. We are hoping to be able to do some innovative engagement for DBEs when using state funds for some bundles. Please make sure to complete the survey and try to attend the DBE oriented webinar that is scheduled for 9/8.
How long did it take for Kentucky to implement the program from initiation to first bundled bid?	Planning started in April 2018 and the first bundle projects were advertised for the March 2019 letting.
With the bundling of bridge projects, selection leans itself to larger firms with the capabilities to deliver on large projects, like Stantec. The Illinois DBE program will insure that DBE firms maintain work on bundling contracts. However, it seems like bundling contracts will take away work from small firms and give it to larger firms. How will IDOT insure that smaller non-DBE firms are getting engaged? Are there maximum/minimum budgets being established for bundled projects??	We are evaluating potential strategies we have learned from other states, but also want to hear from you all on what would meet those needs! The survey will include questions about potential strateiges and allow for open ended responses, so we can receive that feedback and those innovative ideas! Budgets will be established after there is clarity on the feasibility of bundling and the size and type of bundles are determined.
Was the construction schedule of a bundle (location Priority) decided or part of the Request of Proposal or determined during design? Bridge bundling appears to be a step in the direction of Design-Build. What are IDOT's thoughts on constructability feedback from the contractor during the design phase?	It was determined with KYTC and construction administration input during design and included in the proposal. This included priority bridges that may need to be delivered during the summer due to critical bus routes. If legislative authority is given to use CMGC and/or DB, the benefits of constructability feedback during the design phase will be considered along with other key considerations for these delivery methods compared to the DBB delivery method.

Many bundling projects nationwide involve numerous small firms, not just large firms. Small firms can even gain critical experience working first under larger firms and then going after small bundles on their own later after gaining experience.	From a design perspective, the Bridging Kentucky program team included 22 consultants with a large number of small consultants that were able to gain experience working with larger firms. We did not see that on the construction side as the bundles were generally small enough for a single contractor to deliver.
How much, if any, of the standard details created part of bundles shared for future use on other bundles?	For Bridging Kentucky, we used the standard details that were developed extensively throughout future bundle contracts, which allowed the contractors crews to become efficient in constructing these elements.
Who is assisting IDOT with procuring and/or program management?	A consultant team led by CDM Smith is assisting IDOT with evaluation of potential procurement of a bundling program.
Does IL DOT plan to extend the bundling concept beyond bridges to pavements, ADA ramps, saftety treatments ...	At this time, the department is only able to procure using Design/Bid/Build. If authority is given to use an alternative delivery method such as CMGC or Design/Build - we will evaluate and of course, complete stakeholder outreach.
Would you be able to share the participant list for both this and the DBE webinar upcoming so we can all connect, especially with the DBE consultants.	Yes, we will process and post on our website
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