



IDOT Competitive Freight Program

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CFP Applicants

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Webinar Overview and Agenda

» Agenda

- General Program (15 min)
 - Overview
 - Funding and Phasing
 - Project Eligibility
 - Timeline
- Project Application (45 min)
 - Overview and What's Essential
 - Project Scoring
 - Application Demonstration
- Q&A (60 min)

Meeting will be recorded

» Questions

- During the webinar:
 - Submit your questions via the chatbox
 - Raise your hand during the Q&A – please turn on your camera!
- After the webinar:
 - Visit <https://idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/transportation-management/planning/illinois-competitive-freight-program>
 - Technical questions regarding the application should be submitted to idotcfp2022@gmail.com
 - All other questions should be submitted to DOT.ILFreightPlanning@illinois.gov



Competitive Freight Program Overview

Program Overview



» 2023 Competitive Freight Program

- Part of the ongoing Illinois State Freight Plan
- Federal funding for this program is reauthorized under the 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

» Previous Program

- 2018 Competitive Freight Program
- 46 applications received requesting \$600 million of federal funds
- 23 projects funded for \$245 million federal funding, leveraging \$57 million in local match

Funding and Phasing

» Funding

- Federal Funds
- \$200 million (\$49.6 million per year for FY23-FY26)
- 20% non-federal match required (10% on Interstates)
- Up to 30% of funding can go to intermodal (rail, water) projects

» Project Phases

- Phase I, Phase II, Land Acquisition, or Construction Funding*
 - *Applicants must demonstrate appropriate planning, right-of-way, or coordination activities for each phase have taken place
 - For non-construction funding, applicants must have a delivery strategy that demonstrates a high likelihood that this funding will lead to construction of a project

Project Eligibility

- » Local, state or federal governmental agencies are eligible for the program
 - Private entities must have a public sponsor
 - Partnerships strongly encouraged
- » Highway projects must be on the Primary Highway Freight System or Critical Urban/Rural Freight Corridors
 - If a selected project is not on one of these corridors, IDOT will re-designate the corridor to ensure eligibility
- » Intermodal projects can be on a public or private freight rail or water facility

Timeline



- » Application Period Opened Nov 15, 2022
- » Applications are Due Dec 19, 2022 (11.59.59pm CDT)
- » ISFAC Reviews Project List Jan 19, 2023
- » IDOT Finalizes Rankings February, 2023
- » Project Announcements Spring, 2023



Questions?



Application Overview and What's Essential

Application Website

Application link:

https://fs8.formsite.com/IDOTCFP/50cwtimrvk/form_login.html

Essential features:

- Application includes the ability to log in, save and return later, upload files, and submit multiple applications through one account.
- Both highway and intermodal projects will use the same application.
- Log in is not required to submit, but applicants must log in to save progress
- Applicants should save a copy of their application locally. Applicants will not have access to their application after the program closes.
- Once an application is submitted using the “Submit” button, no more changes can be made.
- A copy of the application will be sent to the email address entered on page 1 (check spam filter).

Where to Go For Help



1. Program Information, Forms, Webinar Recording, and Guidance Document Available at <https://idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/transportation-management/planning/illinois-competitive-freight-program>

2. For general questions related to the CFP program, including project requirements, eligibility, forms, etc., please email DOT.ILFreightPlanning@illinois.gov

3. For technical questions related to the application itself or the PFN mapping tool, please email idotcfp2022@gmail.com

Registration Numbers and Forms

Forms You May Need

- Project financing table
 - **(Required for all)**
- Detailed project cost estimate (BDE 213)
 - **(Required for all)**
- Conflict of Interest Form (Uniform Grant Agreement Affidavit of Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest-Grantee)
 - *(Required for non-IDOT applicants)*
- Uniform grant budget document
 - *(Required for non-IDOT applicants)*
- Uniform grant application document
 - *(Required for non-IDOT applicants)*

Registration Numbers You May Need

- TIP Number
- State Job Number
- Federal Project Number
- PPS Number
- GATA Number for Project Sponsor
 - *(required for non-IDOT applicants)*

Application Structure

Section	Content
1. Applicant Information	Project Title, Contact and Agency Information
2. Project Information	Description, Sketch, Location, Inclusion in Plan, Municipality/Township, Facility Name, Sponsor, Letters of Support
3. Registration Information	Registration Numbers
4. Project Funding Information	Total Cost, Funds Requested, Finance and Cost Estimate Forms, Funding Eligibility, Financial Assurance Letters
5. Supplementary Freight Information	Urban vs. Rural, On vs. Off Priority Freight Network (PFN), Project Importance to Freight, Highway vs. Intermodal Project
6. Highway OR Intermodal Scoring	Score the project in up to five Highway Goal Areas or up to three Intermodal Goal Areas
7. Crosscutting Measures	Applicable Partnerships, Project Readiness, Equity and Environmental Justice Impacts
8. Submittal Page	Upload any additional supporting information and submit application



Application Scoring

Highway Goal Areas

Goal Area	Qualitative Justification	Quantitative Measures
1. Safety	1a. Describe how the project enhances the safety of the Illinois highway system	1b. Truck Involved Crashes 1c. Truck Involved Crash Rate 1d. Truck Involved Severe Injury or Fatal Crash Rate
2. Reliability	2a. Describe how the project enhances the reliability of the Illinois highway system	2b. Truck Bottleneck Locations 2c. User Cost of Congestion 2d. At-Grade Highway-Related Crossings (Truck Hours of Delay per Day)
3. System Enhancements	3a. Describe how the project enhances the condition and/or technology of the Illinois highway system	3b. Bridge Condition 3c. Pavement Condition 3d. Traveler Information Needs 3e. Traffic Incident Management Needs
4. Operational Needs	4a. Describe how the project addresses operational needs on the Illinois highway system	4b. Bridge Weight Restrictions 4c. Vertical Clearance Limitations 4d. Oversize/Overweight (OSOW) Restrictions 4e. Inadequate Travel Lanes 4f. Inadequate Shoulder Lanes
5. Truck Parking	5a. Describe how the project improves truck parking on the Illinois highway system.	5b. Truck Parking Demand-to-Capacity Ratio 5c. Fatigue-related Crashes 5d. Crashes Involving Parked Trucks

» **Applicants only need to fill out questions in applicable goal areas. It is not expected that a project will score in all 5 categories.**

» Data for projects on the Priority Freight Network (PFN) is available to applicants at: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/02ff4ea2b70f479fb6add581317c310e>

Intermodal Goal Areas

Goal Area	Qualitative Justification	Quantitative Measures
1. Safety	1a. Describe how the project contributes to improving the safety of the Illinois freight network, including roadways, rail crossings, and rail and marine freight facilities.	1b. Reduction in Truck VMT 1c. Reduction in fatalities, injury, and other crashes 1d. Reduction in hazmat environmental risks
2. Modal Connectivity	2a. Describe how the project contributes to improving the capacity for modal connectivity within the Illinois intermodal freight system.	2b. Intermodal (rail-truck, water-truck, water-rail) connections added to the network 2c. Increased intermodal volume
3. Mode Shift	3a. Describe how the project enhances the condition and/or technology of the Illinois highway system	3b. Change in truck equivalencies 3c. Technology Enhancements Supporting Emissions Reductions at Freight Facilities 3c. Avoided truck volumes at nearby sensitive intersections

- » **Applicants only need to fill out questions in applicable goal areas. It is not expected that a project will score in all 3 categories.**
- » Applicants must provide data and scoring methodology. Program Guidance includes detailed info about each measure and resources such as standard intermodal freight conversion values

Crosscutting Measures

Goal Area 1 – Applicable Partnerships

- Based on the number and nature of material partnerships in the project

Goal Area 2 – Project Readiness

- Based on the whether following elements are complete:
 - Site Plan, Corridor Plan, Feasibility Studies, Master Plan or other planning work completed
 - Phase I (Prelim Engineering, NEPA) completed
 - Phase II (PS&E, Ready for Construction Letting) completed
 - Right-of-Way or Easements acquired or N/A
 - Railroad Approvals (if required) acquired or N/A
 - If Phase I is not begun or underway, please identify NEPA Class of Action.

Goal Area 3 – Equity and Environmental Justice Impacts

- All applicants must describe the impacts the project will have on the surrounding communities
- Points may be awarded if project mitigates freight impacts and is located in:
 - A Justice40 Transportation Disadvantaged Community; and/or
 - An Illinois EPA Environmental Justice Area; and/or
 - A DCEO Opportunity Zone.



Application Demonstration

Application Demo



» Two hypothetical project types:

- **Project 1 (Highway):** Replacing the Broadway St. (IL-15) Bridge as it crosses I-57 west of Mt. Vernon
- **Project 2 (Intermodal):** Repair the dock wall at the Illinois International Port District (IIPD)



Q&A

Q&A / FAQ

» Q&A is live!

- Submit your questions via the chatbox or raise your hand
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» Program highlights

- Applications due Dec 19, 2022
- \$200 million (\$49.6 million per year for FY23-FY26)
- 20% non-federal match
- Must have a public sponsor
- Must address a freight need
- Application
 - https://fs8.formsite.com/IDOTCFP/50cwtimrvk/form_login.html
- Scoring:
 - Highway: 5 goal areas (score projects in one or more areas)
 - Intermodal: 3 goal areas (score projects in one or more areas)
 - Crosscutting: 3 measures (all projects)