

INVITATION TO BID

ELECTRONIC BIDS will be received by the Commuter Rail Division of the Regional Transportation Authority d/b/a Metra through its Bonfire portal, not later than 2:00 p.m. local prevailing time, Chicago, IL (LPT) on the day indicated below. At that time, all such bids will be read aloud via webcast at <https://metra.com/board-meetings> for the purpose of purchasing the following:

DESCRIPTION:	IFB NO.:	OPENING DATE:
CREATE EW2 Metra Rock Island District Bridge 87 at 79th Street Bridge Raise Construction Project in Chicago, Illinois. (Metra MP 8.71, Norfolk Southern MP B-516.1, Belt Railway Corporation MP 15.8).	164629	June 12, 2025

This Contract is utilizing funds from the **Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)**.

NOTES:

1. A Pre-Bid Meeting/Site Visit will be held on **May 7, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.** The group will initially meet at 600 W. 80th Street, Chicago, IL 60620. A detailed map of the Pre-Bid Meeting location is included in the IFB document. Since the Pre-Bid Meeting is being held on site, each attendee will be required to sign a liability waiver at the meeting in order to participate. Meeting attendance is not mandatory, but is encouraged.

ALL ATTENDEES ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR HARD HATS, ORANGE SAFETY VEST (CLASS II WITH REFLECTIVE STRIPING), SAFETY GLASSES (SIDE SHIELDS FOR PRESCRIPTION EYEWEAR), and STEEL TOED SAFETY BOOTS. ATTENDEES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO WALK THE SITE WITHOUT THE AFOREMENTIONED SAFETY EQUIPMENT.

2. Questions regarding this IFB shall be submitted via Bonfire by **3:00 p.m. on May 15, 2025**. Bonfire will not accept questions after this time.
3. There is a 25% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal for this project.
4. Each bid must be accompanied by a bid bond of 5% of the total bid price.
5. This contract is subject to the Davis-Bacon and related Acts.

This IFB can be downloaded, and the bids shall be submitted through Metra's Bonfire Procurement Portal at: <https://metra.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=openOpportunities>. Company registration is required to download all bid packages.

This project may be funded in part by federal and/or state funds. Therefore, the bidder will be required to comply with certain State and Federal policies, such as Buy America, Equal Employment Opportunity and On-the-Job Training Special Provisions. Insurance requirements are included in the IFB.

All Bids must be made only in the form prescribed by Metra and must be made in accordance with this Invitation for Bids. Metra reserves the right to accept any Bid, or any part thereof, or reject any and all Bids.

Any contract awarded resulting from this bid is subject to funding in part by the Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT") and the Regional Transportation Authority ("RTA"); and subject to the terms and conditions of the agreement between IDOT/RTA and RTA/Service Board.

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