



Metra Selects Jacobs Engineering Group to Provide Engineering Design for Rock Island Connection (P2)

July 16, 2020 - The CREATE partners are pleased to announce that Metra has selected Jacobs Engineering Group to provide engineering and design services for the Rock Island Connection (P2), part of the CREATE Program's [75th Street Corridor Improvement Project](#) (75th St. CIP). The 75th St. CIP will improve passenger rail with faster and more reliable service on the Metra SouthWest Service line and Amtrak Cardinal service when constructed, along with other transportation, environmental and economic benefits.

Jacobs Engineering Group will provide engineering and design services for a double-track flyover structure to connect the Metra SouthWest Service mainline tracks to the Rock Island Line, allowing Metra SouthWest Service trains to terminate at LaSalle Street Station.

“The team that Jacobs Engineering Group has assembled to complete the design work represents an exciting opportunity to involve a number of local, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) in this important project. We hope these firms will leverage their experience working on the 75th St. CIP to secure future contracts and grow their capabilities,” said Metra CEO/Executive Director Jim Derwinski.

The CREATE partners' commitment to creating economic opportunities in the surrounding neighborhoods is reflected in the DBE participation goal (30%) for this work. Jacobs Engineering Group has committed to exceeding that goal and will collaborate with nine DBE firms, seven of which are based in Chicago, for various design services:

1. AAA Engineering, Ltd. – Mechanical, electrical, train control (flagger)
2. DB Sterlin Consultants, Inc. – Survey, LIDAR, plats
3. Design Consulting Engineers, Inc. – Vibration analysis
4. Ernest R. Sawyer Enterprises, Inc. – Community outreach services
5. GSG Consultants, Inc. – Environmental and geotechnical services
6. Lin Engineering, Ltd. – Drainage, storm water, engineering services
7. Pin Point Precision, LLC – Utilities coordination
8. Site Design Group, Ltd. – Architecture, landscape architecture, historic site research
9. Vaughn Management, LLC dba CERA Solutions – Stakeholder coordination services

There will be additional opportunities for right-of-way acquisition, engineering, construction and supplier opportunities on the 75th St. CIP. DBE firms are encouraged to [register through the CREATE website](#) for email invitations to respond to professional services bid opportunities for contracted work. All CREATE Program partner procurements will be sent through the CREATE procurement notification email. Notifications are also made through newspapers.

To learn more about the 75th St. CIP, go to www.75thcip.org.

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