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**NORTHEAST ILLINOIS REGIONAL COMMUTER RAILROAD CORPORATION**  
**D/B/A METRA**  
**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

**ELECTRONIC BIDS** will be received by the Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation d/b/a METRA at [sbauman@metrarr.com](mailto:sbauman@metrarr.com) 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 for the purpose of purchasing the following:

<b><u>DESCRIPTION</u></b>	<b><u>IFB No.:</u></b>	<b><u>OPENING DATE</u></b>
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).	93944	February 15, 2022

Generally, the project consists of modifying and raising selected spans of the Rock Island District Bridge 87 at MP RID 8.71 to provide additional clearance for Norfolk Southern and Belt Railway Company tracks under the bridge 87.

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

**NOTES:**

1. **A Pre-Bid Meeting/Site Visit will be held on December 14, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. The group will initially meet at **600 W. 80th Street, Chicago, IL 60620 (per google maps)**. 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.**

**IN ADDITION, ALL ATTENDEES ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A HARD HAT, ORANGE SAFETY VEST (CLASS II WITH REFLECTIVE STRIPING), SAFETY GLASSES (SIDE SHIELDS FOR PRESCRIPTION EYEWEAR), AND STEEL TOED SAFETY BOOTS AT THE SITE VISIT.**

2. Questions regarding this IFB shall be submitted to Steve Bauman, Sr. Contracting Agent via email at [sbauman@metrarr.com](mailto:sbauman@metrarr.com) by 4:00 p.m. on **January 4, 2022**.
3. The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal for this project is 30%.
4. Each bid must be accompanied by a bid bond of 5% of the total bid price.
5. This contract is subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act.

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

Due to the Covid-19, Metra is suspending accepting all sealed hardcopy Bids at its office located at 547 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60661. In lieu of hardcopy sealed Bids, an electronic version of bids shall be received via email only to [sbauman@metrarr.com](mailto:sbauman@metrarr.com) at or before 2:00 p.m. LPT by **February 15, 2022**. Emailed bids received after this time will be rejected. Other electronic means of bid submission are not acceptable (e.g. file sharing sites). Metra will webcast all bid openings at the date and time specified. A link to the webcast can be found on Metra's website (<https://metra.com/webcasts>). Metra will not accept late bids due to electronic technical difficulties, including firewall issues with large file sizes. Metra is not aware of any limitations on its receipt of emails with large files.

In lieu of obtaining a notary seal & signature. Metra will allow vendors to submit an affidavit from their company or other Company Legal document that states the signatory on all of the bid documents is an officer of the company authorized to bid the company in submitting bids and binding the company in executing contracts on behalf of the company. Additionally, if vendor submits the aforementioned affidavit or other acceptable legal

document, then electronic signatures may be permitted if it is not possible for the vendor to scan in a wet signature document.

This IFB may be downloaded at [www.metra.com](http://www.metra.com) under the Main Menu Section, Business Opportunities and Resources, Purchasing & Procurement, and Invitation for Bids. Company registration is required to download all bid packages.

All Bids must be only in the form prescribed by METRA and must be made in accordance with this Invitation for Bid, and other Contract documents, are made part of this notice as though fully set forth herein. 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.

This project is subject to Metra's Third Party Contracts Quality Management Plan (TPCQMP). The current version of this plan is available at <https://metra.com/engineering> under "Quality".

METRA in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 43 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Subtitle A, Part 21 (Non-discrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation) issued pursuant to said Act, hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this Invitation, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit Bids in response to this Invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age or disability, in consideration for an award.

The IFB contains specific requirements concerning Office of Diversity and Civil Rights documents which must be submitted, if applicable. All bidders will be required to certify that they are not on the Comptroller General's list of ineligible contractors.

For more information on CREATE go to <http://www.createprogram.org/>

Senior Contracting Agent: Steve Bauman