

**NORTHEAST ILLINOIS REGIONAL COMMUTER RAILROAD CORPORATION**  
**D/B/A METRA**  
**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
**METRA IFB NO. 29531**

In order to be responsive, SEALED BIDS must be signed and received by the Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation D/B/A/ Metra at its office, 547 West Jackson Boulevard, Room 1100, Chicago, Illinois 60661, not later than 2:00 P.M., local prevailing time on March 20, 2012 at which time and place (in Room 1100), all such bids will be opened publicly and read aloud for the following:

Contractor shall as an independent contractor and not as an agent of Metra provide all permits, labor, tools, equipment, insurance, transportation, facilities, etc. necessary for construction services for the CREATE Project P1 (Englewood Flyover), construction work on the Rock Island District near the Englewood Interlocking in Chicago, Illinois, in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by Transystems Corp.

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All bids must be made only on the forms provided by Metra and must be made in accordance with this Invitation for Bids, and other Contract Documents, all of which are on file and available for examination at the office of Metra at the above address and are made a part of this notice as though fully set forth herein.

Construction of the aforementioned is funded in major part by the Applicable Funding Agency, which may be the Federal Transit Administration ("FTA"), the Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT"), or any other agency pursuant to financial assistance Agreements with said agencies.

Each bid must be accompanied by a bid deposit of 5% of the total base bid price in the form of a cashier's check, certified check, bid bond. The successful bidder will be required to submit payment and performance bonds in an amount equal to the total value of the award. There will be a non-refundable plan fee for one set of plans and specifications. The fee is \$200.00 for disc format and \$550.00 for paper format; any additional sets required will be charged at the same fee.

The plans and specifications must be picked up at the above address, and are available Monday thru Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., local prevailing time.

Metra, reserves the right to accept any bid, any part or parts thereof, or to reject any and all bids. Acceptance of any bid is subject to the concurrence by the Applicable Funding Agency.

EXHIBIT A  
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Metra, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 200d-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 ensure 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, color, creed, sex, disability, or national origin in consideration for an award.

In order to be considered responsible all bidders will be required to certify that they are not on the Comptroller General's list of ineligible contractors.

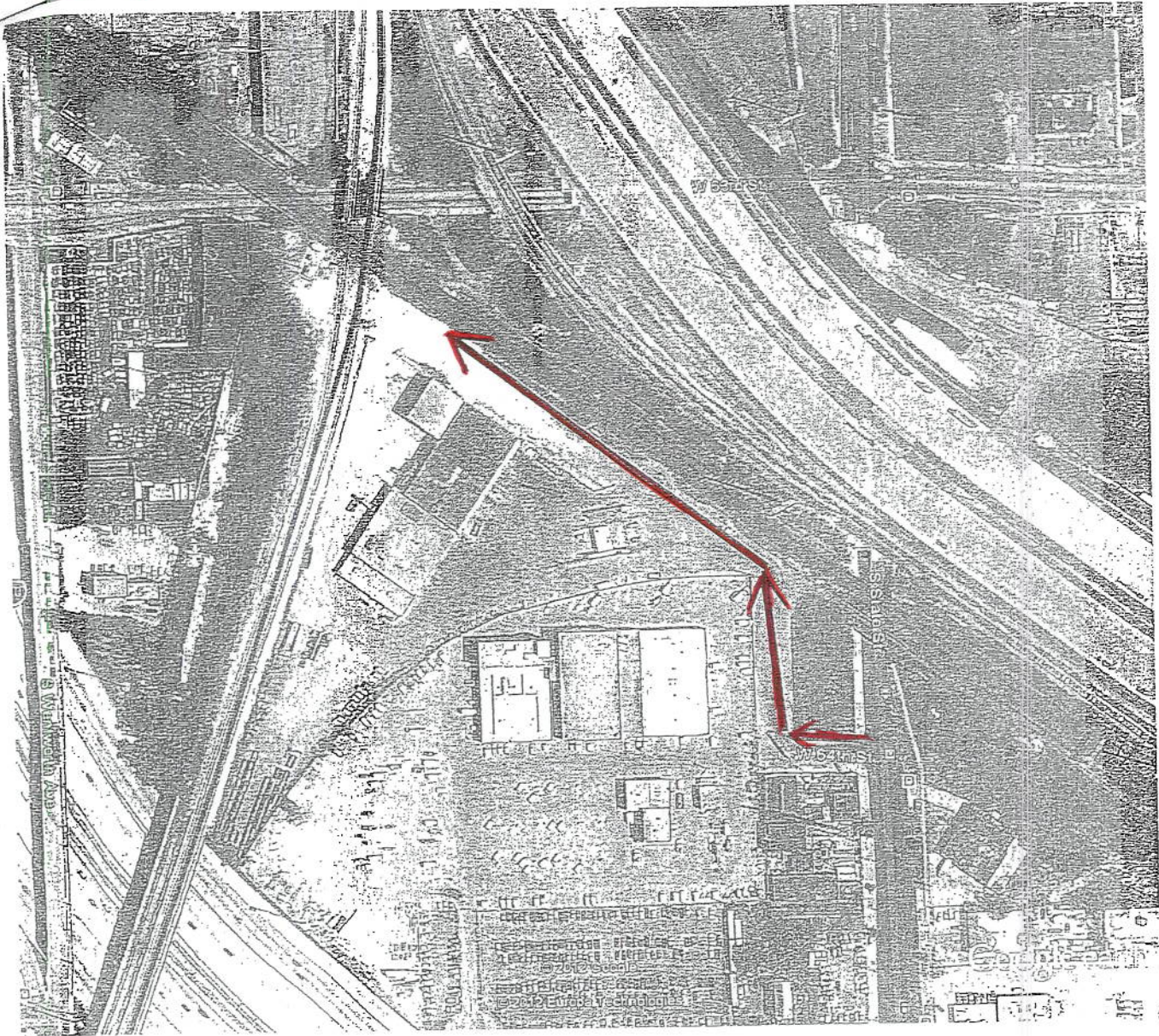
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1. **If you have any technical questions on this project contact Steve Bauman of METRA's PROFESSIONAL SERVICES/CONTRACTS DIVISION, via fax only, at (312) 322-6619 prior to 4:00 P.M. February 27, 2012.**
2. **The DBE requirement for this project is 25%.**
3. **The pre-bid meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2012, 9:00 a.m. at Metra Headquarters, 547 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60661, in the 13th Floor Board Room. The Site Visit will be held later that day at 1:00 p.m. The Site Visit will be near the waste transfer facility located northwest of State St. and West 64th St. Enter site at State St. and West 64th St. ORANGE SAFETY VEST, HARD HATS, SAFETY GLASSES AND SAFETY SHOES MUST BE WORN AT THE PRE-BID MEETING.**
4. **To obtain plans and specifications, call our Plan Room at (312) 322-6673 or fax at (312) 322-6619.**
5. **In order for general contractor's bid to be responsive "All DBE(s) listed on Schedule A and/or D must be DBE certified by the Illinois Unified Certification Program (IL UCP) at the time of the bid opening," see Exhibit K.**

**Bidders should confirm DBE(s) are (IL UCP) certified by going to the Web sites of IDOT, City of Chicago, Metra, Pace and/or CTA.**

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Contracting Agent: Steve Bauman, C.P.M.



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THE SITE VISIT LOCATION IS PICTURED ABOVE.