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To the Honorable Members of the 103rd General Assembly:

The Innovations for Transportation Infrastructure Act ("Act"), executed June 15, 2022, authorized the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority ("Illinois Tollway") and Illinois Department of Transportation to utilize alternative contracting methods to deliver transportation improvement projects. The alternative contracting methods authorized include Design-Build, Construction Manager/General Contractor ("CMGC") and Progressive Design-Build.

630 ILCS 10/15 Section 15(b) of the Act, "The Transportation Agency shall report to the General Assembly annually for the first 5 years after the effective date of this Act on the progress of procurements and transportation facilities procured under this Act." Accordingly, the Illinois Tollway is hereby reporting the progress to the General Assembly.

Since the passage of the Act, the Illinois Tollway has developed a Design-Build program. Design-Build is an alternative contract delivery method that the Illinois Tollway can utilize for the types of projects for which it is best suited. Since the last progress report, issued June 30, 2023, the Illinois Tollway has completed the following milestones as part of the Design-Build Pilot Project:

1. Finalized draft procurement documents for the Design Build program, including: Notice of Intent (NOI), Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and RFQ Forms, and Request for Proposals (RFP) documents;
2. Issued a Notice of Intent (NOI) alerting industry of the forthcoming Design-Build project;
3. Issued the draft RFQ then final RFQ;
4. Evaluated and shortlisted three out of the five teams that submitted SOQs in response to the RFQ;
5. Issued the draft RFP to Shortlisted Proposers;
6. Hosted an RFQ and RFP kickoff meetings for Proposers at Illinois Tollway's headquarters;
7. Hosted a networking meeting for DBE firms and Shortlisted Proposers
8. Developed draft Design-Build Manual
9. Developed draft Design-Build Procurement Manual

The Illinois Tollway's next steps over the course of the next year include the following:

1. Execute the Pilot Design-Build Contract with the Apparent Best Value Proposer;
2. Develop CMGC program;
3. Develop Progressive Design-Build program.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me at 630-241-6800 x1000 or via email at crouse@getipass.com.

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