



U.S. Department  
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**Federal Highway  
Administration**

# Memorandum

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Subject: **ACTION**: Indiana Indefinite Delivery/  
Indefinite Quantity (ID/IQ) Contracting under  
Special Experimental Project No. 14 (SEP-14)

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In Reply Refer To  
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To: Jermaine Hannon  
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This is response to an October 28, 2020 email sent by Ms. Ting Nahrwold of your office, which transmitted an Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) workplan proposing the use of Indefinite Delivery/ Indefinite Quantity (ID/IQ) Contracting under Special Experimental Project No. 14 (SEP-14).

INDOT intends to utilize the IDIQ Contracting method to procure a single contract in an amount of \$8,400,000 for the Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) Wall preservation and maintenance at various locations throughout the State of Indiana. The contract will specify various (MSE) Wall preservation methods that will include specialized repairs. INDOT has identified approximately 30 predesignated locations, based upon the INDOT retaining wall asset inventory database, as candidates for this contract.

For the various MSE wall preservation methods, the IDIQ contract will identify pay items, provide typical drawings, provide special provisions, and estimate nominal quantities for the contractors to bid upon. These quantities are based on the known locations prioritized for preservation and the preliminary preservation method estimated for the specific location but will be considered indefinite. The contractor will provide unit bid prices that will be considered contractual. INDOT will select a single contractor based on the lowest, responsive, and responsible bids received.

Once awarded, INDOT will send the contractor work order assignments for identified candidate locations for the work types outlined in the IDIQ contract. The contractor will provide a final design of the preliminary scope work developed by the department to identify final placement and engineering of the specialized preservation method. Locations are prioritized based on INDOT's retaining wall asset inventory database and placed into the STIP for funds and asset management tracking.

The contractor will develop engineering plans for INDOT Geotechnical Services Division review. Also, the contractor will develop work orders and final design plans and will submit them to INDOT for concurrence.

Other details are contained in INDOT's SEP-14 workplan.

INDOT's SEP-14 workplan for the use of ID/IQ contracting for MSE wall repair is approved. On November 16, 2020 FHWA published an Interim Final Rule for ID/IQ in the Federal Register. INDOT may proceed with the implementation of this project based on the approved SEP-14 workplan provided the obligation of funds is consistent with 23 CFR 635.605. Future ID/IQ projects will be subject to the requirements of 23 CFR 635 Subpart F including FHWA's approval of INDOT's ID/IQ procurement procedures in 23 CFR 635.606.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this SEP-14 request. If you have any questions, please contact Gerald Yakowenko at (202) 366-1562, or John Huyer at (720) 437-0515.

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