



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

RFI 2507 Litter and Debris Removal

Questions and Answers (Q&A's)

Q: For Contractors that are awarded multiple contracts in multiple Districts, would the awarded Contractor be able to submit their Project Work Plans to a centralized Engineer for review to ensure consistency of operations across geographical boundaries?

A: It is anticipated that the Project Work Plans will be specific to the geographical boundaries specific to the scope of work outlined by a contract and therefore Project Work Plans would be submitted and reviewed by each managing entity.

Q: What hazard specific to this contract is being mitigated by the transition to Type 2 hard hats?

A: A Type 2 hard hat is expected to provide additional protection for lateral impact injuries that may result from slips, trips, falls as well as struck-by incidents, not only protecting workers from falling objects as provided by Type 1 hard hats.

Q: Verbiage restricting the collection of hazardous waste, hazardous materials, etc. has been removed from the construction requirements. Was this removal intentional? In the case that hazardous material is found that has leached into the surface, should Contractor engage INDOT or IDEM in proper removal?

A: Yes, the removal was intentional. Further, the collection of leachate would not included as a requirement by definition litter. Determination of what is/is not hazardous will require coordination between INDOT and the contractor. It is noted that clarification on this process is advised.

Q: Will contractors be provided with a total count of drainage inlets and locations of drains prior to bidding? Are these drainage inlets mapped and available for public viewing?

A: The scope of work will include these details. Yes, this inventory is publicly available for viewing.

Q: From the Debris Removal section, "Collected litter shall not be left on any paved surface during pickup operations." Does this mean that a Contractor may not stage bags for collection on the paved shoulder?

A: Correct.

Q: From the Reporting and Inspection of Work section, "The Contractor will be notified in writing that according to observations by the Department, the Contractor has failed to perform the work according to contract requirements." What timeline will the Department be held to? For example, if a Contractor performs work on Monday, how long does the Department have to inspect the work and issue notice of failure to the Contractor?

A: It is expected that the contractor complies with or exceeds the specifications, therefore the intent is that the inspection process is continuous for the duration of the monthly pay item to meet the minimum stated requirements.

Q: Is the agency considering adding additional pay items for this contract such as Maintenance of Traffic, TMA, or other items?

A: These items would be included in the total cost, as specified.

Q: Does the agency intend this as a request for proposal or through the contract letting process?

A: This Request for Information (RFI) is only a request for information about potential services and no contractual obligation on behalf of INDOT whatsoever shall arise from the RFI process. It does not constitute a Request for Qualifications (RFQ), a Request for Proposals (RFP), or other solicitation, nor does it constitute the commencement of any other type of procurement process.

Q: Does the agency intend to develop this as a statewide contract or district-based contracts?

A: The scope of work has yet to be determined.

Q: Will this include areas that are currently serviced by adopt-a-highway programs?

A: The scope of work has yet to be determined.

Q: Does this include all INDOT maintained roadways and right-of-way? Or is this specific to interstates?

A: The scope of work has yet to be determined.

Q: What is the agency's preferred GIS application requirements?

A: It is noted that clarification on this specification is advised.

Q: What is the agencies preference for addressing this work during winter? Specifically, when snow covering grassy areas but there is still litter and debris on paved surfaces.

A: The expectation of litter and debris collection is defined in the specifications.

Q: Confirming that the agency is looking to obtain a solution that covers both a mechanical and manual approach to litter and debris removal? Sweeping and manual litter removal?

A: The expectations of litter and debris removal are defined in the specifications.

Q: Is the preference to keep all areas on a bi-weekly cleaning or some areas monthly and other areas more frequent?

A: The expectations of litter and debris removal are defined in the specifications.

Q: Are dead animals part of the hazardous removal?

A: The expectations of litter and debris removal are defined in the specifications.

Q: With approval, can contractors work longer on days before holidays?

A: Days allowable for work will follow the Standard Specifications. Workable hours are defined within the specifications and would be subject to additional restrictions to comply with the Interstate Highway Congestion Policy and at the discretion of the Department.

Q: What is the increase or decrease of mainline miles?

A: Indecipherable question.

Q: What is the process for the Engineers' satisfaction, reporting, and timing of reporting?

A: It is noted that clarification on this specification is advised.