2026 QBS
Request for Statement of Interest (SOI)

CAL-SAG TRAIL – ALSIP PARK DISTRICT EAST SEGMENT, DOLTON PARK DISTRICT FAR EAST SEGMENT

The Alsip Park District is in need of professional services from a qualified engineering firm to provide Phase I and II Engineering Services for the Cal-Sag Trail – Alsip Park District East Segment improvement and Dolton Park District Far East Segment, as referenced above.

The attached ***Description of Project Scope*** provides a summary of major items that will be encountered during the course of the required design engineering services.

Currently, the District anticipates starting this work in mid-2027 with approximately 12 months to complete the work.

The Statement of Interest shall be submitted electronically via email no later than 2:00 pm on November 4, 2026 and should be addressed to Jeannette Huber, Director of Parks and Recreation, Alsip Park District. The email address to send the SOI to is jhuber@alsipparks.org.

If you plan to enter into a joint venture with another firm for this project please note this on your Statement of Interest, including the name of the firm you are entering into a joint venture with for this project.

The firm shall be IDOT prequalified in Highways – Roads and Streets and Structures – Highway:Typical.

The Statement of Interest shall consist of;

1. Cover letter which shall include a brief introduction to the firm and the contact person.
2. Statement indicating the firm's interest in the project consisting of a project approach, listing of key project staff, listing of proposed subconsultants, and a listing of projects similar in scope and magnitude recently completed by the firm.
3. A copy of the firm's IDOT Prequalification Letter.

The Cover Letter, Statement and copy of the firm's IDOT Prequalification Letter shall be submitted as a single Portable Document Format (PDF) equivalent to four pages of 8.5" by 11" paper. The IDOT Prequalification Letter shall not count against the four-page limit.

The Alsip Park District may select a firm from this Statement of Interest or may require an additional submittal and/or interview from a short list of selected firms. Short-listed firms will be notified by mail.

Selection Process

The Consultant selection process will involve an evaluation and ranking of the SOIs by the Alsip Park District including but not limited to the following selection criteria:

1. The professional and technical competence and related experience of the firm, including the Project Manager and other key project participants, in organizing and completing similar projects. (40%)
2. The proposed scope of services and project approach along with project schedule/timeline/phasing. (20%)
3. Ability to manage and staff the project in reasonable proximity and familiarity to the Alsip Park District, Dolton Park District and far east side. (20%)
4. Knowledge and familiarity with the IDOT Federal Aid process. (20%)

The Alsip Park District reserves the right to interpret said criteria as it sees fit based upon benefits to the public and requirements stated in this solicitation. This process does not obligate the Alsip Park District to award a contract or pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the team and SOI responding to this request. The Alsip Park District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all statements received as a result of this request. All information submitted in response to this request will become the property of the Alsip Park District,

A Statement of Interest (SOI) received after the above noted deadline will not be used as part of our consultant selection process.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT SCOPE

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. Phase I and II Engineering services have previously been performed for the proposed Cal-Sag Trail Project, East End. While a number of segments within the East End have been completed, two segments remain to be constructed. One segment is within the Alsip Park District and is located between Cicero Avenue and Pulaski Road. The second segment is within the Dolton Park District, Village of Dolton, City of Calumet City, and the Village of Burnham and is located between Indiana Avenue and the Burnham Greenway Trail. Phase I Design Approval for the project was received in 2015 and the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates were subsequently prepared to a prefinal level.

2. A brief outline of the project scope is as follows:

   The Alsip segment of the project consists of the construction of approximately 1.8 miles of new, off-street bike trail. The project begins on the west at Freedom Park near Cicero Avenue and proceeds easterly along the north side of the Cal-Sag Channel to just east of the Tri-State Tollway. The trail then turns north along Inland Drive to 129th Street where it turns east. At Pulaski, the trail turns south along the west side of the road to its terminus at 131st Street, all within the Village of Alsip. The Far East segment of the project consists of the construction of approximately 4.4 miles of new, on-street and off-street bike trail. This project begins at Indiana Avenue and continues southeasterly along 138th Street and Lincoln Avenue to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive where it turns easterly along the north side of Lake Cottage Grove to Cottage Grove Avenue where it then turns south to 142nd Street. It then continues easterly along 142nd Street and the ComEd right-of-way to east of Torrence Avenue where it then continues on-street to the Burnham Greenway Trail.

3. The project is anticipated to continue to be federally funded. Notice To Proceed is anticipated to be received from IDOT in the summer of 2027.

4. The consultant will be responsible to perform, but not limited to, the following tasks;

   - Perform an updated Wetland Delineation
   - Perform an updated PESA review
   - Perform a PSI investigation based on the results of the PESA
   - Submit environmental renewal requests to update the expired environmental clearances
   - Update the Phase I Design Studies as needed and prepare a Phase I Re-Authorization
   - Perform soil borings and prepare a geotechnical report in accordance with IDOT guidelines
   - Update Phase II bid documents to reflect changes as a result of

the Phase I review and to bring them to current design year standards
- Obtain the necessary permits including coordination with wetland mitigation sites if needed
- Coordinate requests for additional funding if needed
- Coordination and assistance with obtaining a permit from a private rail spur along 129th Street
- Coordination with utilities
- Agency coordination

5. The project involves the use of federal and state funds for both engineering and construction. IDOT procedures, coordination and documentation will need to be followed throughout the course of the project.