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Regional Development Authority Issues Notice to Bidders for Third Round of Gary Blight Elimination Projects

Regional Development Authority issues Notice to Bidders for the demolition of the former City Methodist Church and former Saint Mary's Hospital in Gary.

CROWN POINT, IN (July 6, 2026) – The Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority (RDA) today issued a Notice to Bidders for the For the Demolition of Commercial Structures located at 549-77 Washington Street (the former City Methodist Church) and 540 Tyler Street (the former Saint Mary's Hospital) in Gary. The Notice and all supporting materials are now available for download at <https://www.in.gov/rda/rfprfq/>.

A mandatory pre-bid site meeting will be held on July 9, 2026, at 10:00 AM (Central Time), beginning at 549 Washington Street, Gary, IN 46402. The meeting will include visits to each of the Sites included in this contract. Attendees will have full access to the sites to make visual assessments, obtain measurements, and otherwise inform the bidding process. Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the sites and surrounding areas to the extent possible prior to the pre-bid meeting.

Prospective bidders are **required** to attend the pre-bid meeting to be considered for the contract award.

These projects are funded through the Gary Blight Elimination Program, which was authorized by the State legislature in 2023 and is managed jointly by the RDA and the City of Gary. The original \$12 million dedicated to the program – half from the RDA, half from the City – has

since been bolstered by an additional \$15 million from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation's READI 2.0 program that will fund additional demolition work, renovations to the Hudson & Campbell Center, and incentives for new development.

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About the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority

Established in 2006 through a bipartisan effort including former Governor Mitchell E. Daniels, Congressman Peter J. Visclosky, key state legislators, and local elected officials, the RDA is quasi-governmental development entity entrusted to make public investment decisions within a regional framework for supporting catalytic infrastructure projects and inducing private sector investment. Years of successful results have made it a trusted and tested partner for growth in Northwest Indiana. For more information, visit www.nwitdd.com, www.us12scenicbyway.com, and www.in.gov/rda.