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Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority Issues RFQ for Design Services

*Regional Development Authority issues Request for Qualifications for Design Services
for the revitalization of the Gary Metro Rail Station.*

CROWN POINT, IN (October 9, 2026) – The Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority (RDA) invites qualified firms or teams to submit statements of qualifications to provide architectural and design services for a new multi-modal rail station and associated parking garage in downtown Gary, Indiana.

The selected firm will complete final design, environmental clearance, and advanced engineering to deliver a modern, ADA-accessible, multimodal transit hub. The revitalized station will replace the deteriorated Adam Benjamin Metro Center with a safe, efficient regional node serving commuter rail, local and intercity bus, and regional trail and first/last mile networks as a single, integrated multimodal facility. This project will be led by RDA leadership with the assistance of a set of existing consultants. The RDA is requesting qualifications for technical services to supplement existing team expertise. The City of Gary is a key stakeholder and will be an active participant in all process flows of this project; including, selection of Architect, design reviews, and milestone approvals.

The RDA is requesting responses from firms or teams qualified in the following disciplines to assist the RDA with:

- Pre-Construction Services: Site analysis, survey, geotechnical investigations (if not already provided), preliminary design, cost estimating, scheduling, constructability reviews, value engineering, and permitting.
- Architecture and Engineering Design: Complete architectural, structural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, security, fire protection, interiors, and environmental (Phase 1/2/3), ensuring compliance with all applicable codes, standards, and Owner requirements.

The RDA reserves the right to make one total award, one award for each section, multiple awards, or a combination of awards, and to exercise its judgment concerning the selection of one or more proposals, the terms of any resultant agreement(s), and the determination of which, if any, proposal(s) is Most Advantageous to the RDA, as a result of this RFQ process.

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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.