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Regional Development Authority Issues RFQ for Engineering Services

Regional Development Authority issues Request for Qualifications for an engineering consultant to aid in preparation of the U.S. Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan.

CROWN POINT, IN (October 21, 2026) – The Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority (RDA) invites qualified firms or teams to submit statements of qualifications to provide transportation, civil, and multimodal engineering services for the US 12 Scenic Byway Technical Study, to be completed by December 1, 2027. The selected engineering consultant will join an RDA-led consultant team preparing a coordinated regional framework for U.S. 12 in Lake and Porter Counties that advances lakefront access, tourism, safety, mobility, environmental stewardship, and corridor revitalization across Northwest Indiana.

The RFQ can be downloaded at <https://www.in.gov/rda/rfprfq>.

The study will implement the vision and recommendations of the RDA Comprehensive Strategic Plan by producing a Corridor Management Plan, an Indiana Dunes State Park Access Study, and a prioritized implementation program. The work will support an Indiana Byway Program application, position the corridor for a potential future National Scenic Byway nomination, and prepare high-priority projects for grant and capital funding. Final documentation should address the six federally recognized intrinsic qualities and clearly distinguish between state designation requirements and those associated with a future federal nomination.

The RDA President and CEO, staff, and consultants will lead the overall process, including project management, committee coordination, stakeholder engagement, corridor visioning, intrinsic-qualities documentation, Corridor Management Plan preparation, and integration of the final study. The selected engineering consultant will serve as the technical engineering lead and will coordinate with the RDA, the other lead consultants, INDOT, NIRPC, Indiana DNR, the National Park Service, municipalities, tourism organizations, transportation providers, and other corridor partners.

Applicants should demonstrate relevant experience in scenic byway and active, multi-modal corridors; civil and environmental engineering, access, and environmental analysis; traffic, transportation, and multimodal engineering, including roadway, rail, bicycle, pedestrian, and transit systems; state park access requirements and best practices; federalized land requirements; documentation of the six federally recognized intrinsic qualities; and state and federal scenic byway designation requirements.

The Authority will determine whether a composite team or individual firms will best meet the objectives of the project mission. The RDA also reserves the right to select one or more individual firms, rather than accept a composite team as proposed.

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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.