



Request for Qualifications ARGONNE DRIVE RECONSTRUCTION

Notice is hereby given that a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is requested for furnishing professional Phase III Construction Engineering Services for the following project in the City of North Chicago:

City of North Chicago
Section No. 19-00169-00-PV
Argonne Drive Reconstruction
Natoma to IL Route 137 (Sheridan Road)

Phase III Construction Engineering in accordance with the Illinois Department of Transportation's Bureau of Local Roads & Streets Policies & Procedures, for Argonne Drive, City of North Chicago, Lake County.

The Phase III Construction will include STP federal funding, State LPF, and local City funds.

Three (3) bound paper copies of the SOQ and one (1) electronic .pdf file on a flash drive shall be submitted to:

Mr. Bob Miller
Interim Public Works Director
North Chicago Public Works Department
1850 Lewis Avenue
North Chicago, IL 60064

Submitted SOQ documents shall be limited to 25 pages (single-sided print and not including covers or fly sheets). Minimum font size shall be 11 pt. The .pdf file shall not exceed 20 MB.

Questions concerning this posting should be submitted no later than August 5, 2026, and directed to:

Mr. Bob Miller – Interim Public Works Director
Via E-mail: bmiller@NorthChicago.org

All questions received will be posted in an addendum on the City's website.

Do not contact any North Chicago staff expressing your firm's interest in the project. Failure to comply with this instruction may disqualify your firm for consideration.

RFQ SUBMITTALS MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO 2:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, AUGUST 13, 2026. SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED AFTER THIS TIME WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Project Description

The proposed improvement will reconstruct Argonne Drive (19-00169-00-PV) from Natoma to Broadway Avenue and Broadway Avenue from Argonne Drive to IL Route 137 (Sheridan Road). The intersection of Argonne Drive and Broadway Avenue will be realigned to provide an improved angle of intersection. Argonne Drive will be reconfigured to have a single through lane, dedicated left turn lanes, buffered bike lanes, pedestrian bump outs, landscaped medians, and parking lanes, where permitted. There will be no bicycle lanes east of the Robert McClory Bike Path. Sidewalks will be reconstructed along both sides of Argonne Drive and Broadway Avenue. Traffic Signal and Lighting improvements are also planned.

Civiltech Engineering completed the Phase I design and is currently completing the Phase II design work. The project is scheduled for a January 2027 IDOT letting.

Construction Stages:

The overall project may be constructed in stages. The current proposed LCCOM STP program 2026 - 2031 has four sections of Argonne Drive programmed for construction in FY 2027:

Dugdale to Lewis
Argonne at Lewis
Kristan to Jackson
Broadway (Argonne to IL 137)

The current LCCOM STP contingency project list has an additional 4 segments listed.

The RFQ submission shall consist of:

- A cover letter expressing the firm's interest in providing services for the project
- The applicable IDOT prequalification's held by the firm
- Summary of **key** personnel proposed to work on the project with resumes (1 page/resume maximum)
- Description of similar projects completed with an emphasis on federal and state funded improvements constructed (within last 10 years, 5 projects maximum)
- Firm's understanding and approach to constructing the project, including specialty design elements, coordination and communication with the public, City staff, SD 187 and utility companies. Any unique challenges & potential solutions identified by the proposing firm to constructing the project.
- Statement of overall qualifications for the firm

- Identify any proposed sub-consultants and their qualifications to be used as part of the work

In accordance with the Local Government Professional Services Selection Act, the RFQ shall not include any information regarding compensation for services. Upon completion of the review of the submittals, the City will enter into negotiations with the highest ranked firm. Fee negotiations will be based on an independent in-house estimate for the cost of engineering. If negotiations reach an impasse, the City shall terminate negotiations with that firm and start negotiations with the next highest ranked firm.

Consultant Scope of Services:

The consultant shall provide resident engineering services and project administration and coordination services for the construction of the Argonne Drive Reconstruction Project, including QA testing of materials per IDOT requirements. Services to be also included in the work are public involvement & daily/weekly communication (construction notifications, website updates, social media updates/posts, etc.), provide GPS coordinates on utility relocations, final record drawings of the constructed improvements with 60 days of the final completion of the work.

Conflict of Interest:

The City requires consultants to submit a disclosure statement with their procedures. The City uses the *IDOT BDE DISC 2 Template* as their conflict-of-interest form.

Suspension and Debarment:

The City shall require verification of suspension and debarment actions to ensure the eligibility of firms selected for projects. The City uses IDOT's CPO's website to verify suspensions and debarments.

The evaluation and selection process will be in accordance with the City's Qualifications Based Selection Procedure for Engineering and Professional Services - federal QBS. These policies and procedures meet the requirements of Chapter 5 of the IDOT Bureau of Local Roads and Streets Manual, 23 CFR 172 and the Brooks Act.

The City's Public Works Department will be responsible for the QBS policies and procedures and will handle management and administration of the contract and will coordinate with the Director of Public Works for the final procurement for consultant services. Qualifications will be opened and evaluated in private, and all information will be kept confidential until a contract award is made.

The City shall require a minimum three (3) person selection committee. This committee will typically include the Public Works Director, Public Works Superintendent, Water Department Superintendent, but may be adjusted as necessary to include others such as the Street and Utility Foremen.

No interviews will be conducted.

A minimum of three firms will be selected as the most qualified from their RFQ submittal and will be ranked. The basis of quantitative evaluation for this project will be:

- Technical Approach (25%)
- Firm Experience (15%)
- Specialized Expertise (15%)
- Staff Capabilities (Prime/Sub) (25%)
- Workload Capacity (10%)
- Past Performance (10%)

The selected firm will be required to prepare and submit draft CE agreements to the City by September 15, 2026.