



## **PEORIA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

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### **REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING**

#### **LAKE AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION**

Peoria County anticipates receiving grant funding from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) for the reconstruction of Lake Avenue from Sheridan Road to Knoxville Avenue (IL Route 40) in the City of Peoria. The project consists of the reconstruction of Lake Avenue with new pavement, curb and gutter, storm sewer, and pedestrian accommodations. Construction costs for the project are estimated at \$4,890,000, with a desired bid letting in Spring 2024.

Peoria County is in the process of selecting an engineering firm to provide Phase I & II Preliminary Engineering for the project. Preliminary Engineering of the project will be paid for with DCEO grant funds if the project is approved by DCEO. Firms who submit qualifications will be evaluated on the following criterion:

Approach to planning, organizing, and management – 30%

Firm Experience – 20%

Past Performance – 20%

Workload Capacity – 20%

Technical Approach – 10%

Potential problems with the project include the short timeline for environmental studies, design, and acquisition of any necessary right of way or easements. Preliminary Engineering will not be able to begin until approval is given by the DCEO. Additional potential problems will entail IDOT requirements for any work at the Knoxville Avenue intersection and additional studies or traffic management plans for IDOT. However, no Motor Fuel Tax funds or Federal Surface Transportation funds are projected to be used for the project, so IDOT oversight will be limited to traffic management at the Knoxville intersection and detouring of traffic during construction.

Interested firms shall submit qualifications to the Peoria County Highway Department, in writing, no later than **4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 27, 2023**. Five sets of qualifications must be submitted via mail or delivered to the Peoria County Highway Department. Firms must also submit a disclosure statement with their qualifications. The disclosure statement can be found at <https://www.peoriacounty.gov/397/Bid-Lettings>.

Responses and questions should be directed to:

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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy Benecke McLaren".

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