

Disparity/Availability Assessment Study
Vendor's Questions and Answers
IPB#: 22038016

- 1) The due date for the proposal is March 15, 2016, which is 14 business days from today. We want to be sure that we can provide as thoughtful and as comprehensive of a response as possible, and the atypically short response timeline makes that very difficult. Would the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) consider extending the due date for proposals so that all proposers have ample opportunity to provide as high quality of responses as possible? **Yes the Agency will extend for an additional week.**

- 2) The RFP indicates that IDOT would prefer two references from government agencies and two references from private firms. Because disparity studies are almost always conducted for government agencies and because disparity study experience is most relevant to IDOT's needs, would IDOT consider accepting references from all government agencies? **Yes references from all government agencies is acceptable.**

- 3) Could you describe IDOT's use of DBE contract goals as part of its award of FHWA-funded contracts during the anticipated study period? Did IDOT apply DBE contract goals to: a) All FHWA-funded contracts; b) Some FHWA-funded contracts but not others; or c) No FHWA-funded contracts? If (b), then could you describe the circumstances in which IDOT used DBE contracts goals and the circumstances in which it did not? **In regard to the above question, the answer is (b) some FHWA-funded contracts but not others. There are various reasons.**