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CIRCULAR LETTER 2006-09

MAJOR BRIDGE PROGRAM

COUNTY ENGINEERS/SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS - DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS/DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC WORKS
CONSULTING ENGINEERS

The department intends to add a FY 2012 increment to the Illinois Major Bridge Program as we develop our FY 2008-2012 proposed Highway Improvement Program.

Local and state major highway bridges that meet all the criteria will be eligible. This is a discretionary program, and all proposed projects must compete statewide based on the following criteria:

- Each candidate project must be a deficient bridge eligible for Highway Bridge Program (HBP) funding. Funding is for existing structures that meet HBP eligibility, not for constructing new structures. In addition, the structure must carry a highway.

- The total project cost for all engineering, utilities, land acquisition, and construction costs, including minimal approach work, must total a minimum of $1,000,000 for local Major Bridge candidates. However, only the construction and construction engineering cost will be eligible for funding from the Major Bridge Program. The federal share is 80 percent of the eligible cost. The local agency is responsible for the 20 percent matching funds and any costs above the approved major bridge funding.

- Any proposed local bridge must be under the jurisdictional responsibility of a county, municipality or township and located on a route with appropriate jurisdictional responsibility. If local agencies are willing to accept a jurisdictional transfer of certain private bridges, such as a highway bridge over a railroad or bridges that are in jurisdictional dispute between the state and local agency, and an agreement can be signed, these bridges may be submitted as candidates. Actual transfer of jurisdiction should be withheld until candidate bridges have been approved for funding.
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If you have a candidate project, please work with your District Local Roads Engineer to complete the required major bridge fund request form along with a briefing paper. The briefing paper should include the following information:

1. Completed major bridge fund request form (attached)
2. Structure number
3. Location and general description of project
4. Proposed improvement and detailed cost estimate (Identify costs for each phase of the project.)
5. Source and extent of local participation. (Specify cost estimates for local participation, including estimated railroad cost participation, if applicable.)
6. Preconstruction activity status
7. Tentative letting dates for proposed improvements
8. Load posting, if applicable
9. Current Structure Inspection and Appraisal sheet
10. Explanation of proposed jurisdictional transfer agreement required for eligibility for private bridges
11. Contact person and address.

Questions should be directed to your District Local Roads Engineer. The districts must receive all program candidates by October 10, 2006.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Charles J. Ingersoll, P.E.
Engineer of Local Roads and Streets

Attachment
REQUEST FOR FY 2012 ILLINOIS MAJOR BRIDGE PROGRAM FUNDS

Bridge Name ___________________________  IDOT District ___  County ________
Structure Number ______________________  City ______________________
Facility Carried _________________________  Facility Intersected ______________

Owner ________________________________  Jurisdictional Agreement Required:  Yes ___  No ___
Type of Work:  Rehab _____  Replace _____  Date of Last Inspection ______________________
Sufficiency Rating (SI&A Sheet) _________  Number of Lanes ___  Functional Class_______
ADT (from SI&A Sheet) ___________  ADTT _______  ADT' ________  ADT Year _________

FY 2012 Request (in dollars)    Entire Project (PE,CE,ROW,UTL,CON)    Major Bridge Total (CE, CON)    Major Bridge FY 2011 Request (CE, CON)

TPCE ________________________________  __________________________  ______________
Federal Share (80%)  __________________________  __________________________
Non-Fed. Matching (20%)  __________________________  __________________________

FY 2012 Major Bridge Request and Obligation Schedule (FY Quarter; Activity; Amount)

1stQ ___________  2ndQ ___________  3rdQ ___________  4thQ ___________
Describe construction activity planned for each quarter (CE, SUB, SUPER, MAIN SPAN, etc.):

Special Consideration: _____________________________________________________________

Contact Person (Name, Phone/E-mail):
Contact Person (Address):

Load Posted:  Yes _____  No _____; List the load posting (if yes) ________________________

Rating Factor (IDOT Use Only): ______________________________________________________

Notes:  TPCE -  - Total Project Cost Estimate of bridge and bridge approach work.
          - To be used in rating factor calculation.

A current briefing is to be provided for each project.