We received the following questions regarding the RFQ listed above:

Question 1: Given that the scope of work for this project does not involve construction, engineering, design, or similar services that would traditionally require professional licensure, will the County consider waiving the requirement for IDOT prequalification if the proposer would be performing only professional consulting services?

Response to Question 1: No, the County requires the Vendor to be pre-qualified with IDOT in Transportation Studies – Mass Transit, Transportation Studies – Railway Engineering or Special Studies – Traffic Studies.

Question 2: In the event the IDOT prequalification requirement cannot be waived, will it be sufficient for a prime consultant to satisfy this requirement? In other words, would it be acceptable to include non-prequalified subconsultants on a prequalified prime consultant’s team?

Response to Question 2: Only the prime consultant needs to be prequalified, subconsultants do not need to be prequalified in Transportation Studies – Mass Transit, Transportation Studies – Railway Engineering or Special Studies – Traffic Studies.

Question 3: Will this project be funded by IDOT funds, federal funds, or a combination of both? Can the County confirm that IDOT salary rate, overhead, and/or multiplier caps will not apply to this project?

Response to Question 3: Pursuant to the Local Government Professional Services Selection Act (50 ILCS 510), the County will not discuss rate related questions until the selection process is complete. Currently, the source of funds are local, but the County continues to pursue additional resources that may include federal and/or state funds.

Question 4: If required in an RFP, must prequalification be in place when a firm proposes? Or is it sufficient for prequalification to be in place by the time of contract execution?

Response to Question 4: The prequalification must be in place when the firm proposes.
Question 5: If an RFP requires prequalification, must all members of the team be prequalified, or is it sufficient for only the prime firm to be prequalified.

Response to Question 5: Only the prime consultant needs to be prequalified, subconsultants do not need to be prequalified in Transportation Studies – Mass Transit, Transportation Studies – Railway Engineering or Special Studies – Traffic Studies.

Question 6: The RFP states that Respondents must be prequalified with the Illinois Department of Transportation to conduct transportation studies. I do not see a category called “Transportation Studies” listed in the Illinois DOT Description and Minimum Requirements for Prequalification-August 2016. Can you please clarify the category in which prequalification is required for this work, or direct me to the proper location for finding the requirements for this category.

Response to Question 6: The County requires that Vendor to be pre-qualified with IDOT in Transportation Studies – Mass Transit, Transportation Studies – Railway Engineering or Special Studies – Traffic Studies.