



IL aRT-3 Request for Qualifications – Frequently Asked Questions

Is there an established budget for the project?

This project is funded by the IDOT State Planning and Research program. The Port received a grant in the amount of \$300,000.

What is the anticipated timeline?

The grant application anticipated an 18-month timeline.

How did this project come about?

A steering committee of longtime members of the local business community has been looking for ways to upgrade Route 3 from the McKinley Bridge to I-270. They came to the idea of installing a linear sculpture park to build upon the effort already underway at the Port, in downtown Granite City, and the "salute to steel" sculpture at the McKinley Bridge. This effort would be complemented by roadway improvements and other placemaking/beautification efforts.

What is IDOT's involvement?

This project was funded by IDOT's State Planning and Research program. The Port plans to include the IDOT in the stakeholder engagement.

Who will be on the selection committee?

The committee will consist of at minimum two Port staff members, supplemented by a member of the steering committee.

Should future maintenance of the corridor be a consideration of the study?

Yes, a discussion of maintenance responsibilities should be part of the planning process.

Who will be included as stakeholders?

The Port will be looking to the selected to consultant to assist in identifying key stakeholders, but at minimum this should include representatives of the cities included in the corridor, IDOT, and other regional agencies operating in the area.

Will the study be used to seek funding?

Yes, a key component of the study will be identification of funding streams for the recommended improvements and their maintenance thereof that arise from the study.