



**AMERICA'S CENTRAL PORT**

**PLANNING STUDY**

# Request for Qualifications

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P23-PLAN-02: IL aRT 3 Planning Study

Submissions Due:

**Wednesday, October 25, 2023 @ 10:00am local time**

America's Central Port®

September 18, 2023

## GENERAL

### 1.01 Project Background

America's Central Port ("Port") is a municipal corporation of the State of Illinois created in 1959 in order to promote economic development and transportation in southwestern Illinois. The Port manages a 1,200-acre industrial park in the cities of Granite City and Madison, Madison County, Illinois.

Illinois Route 3 forms the eastern border of the Port's campus, along an impactful corridor stretching from the McKinley Bridge (and Interstate 70) on the south to Interstate 270 on the north. This segment of Route 3 serves in excess of 17,000 vehicles per day and is a Main Street for the communities of Venice, Madison, and Granite City; yet the condition of the corridor does not reflect the pivotal role it plays. The roadway lacks identity, is littered with trash and weeds, has a crumbling median and guardrails that are in need of replacement, contains strange, unused road sections, and has a 22-foot wide lane at one location. Speed is also of concern, and numerous bad traffic accidents have occurred due to motorists running red lights or driving well in excess of the posted speed limit.

In an effort to enhance the roadway's image for the communities it serves, increase safety for all modes of transportation, and bring some strong identity to the 8 1/2 -mile stretch of roadway from the McKinley Bridge to Interstate 270, the Port is pursuing a planning study that will identify improvements to be made to the roadway and the immediate areas outside of the highway right-of-way. With the goals of traffic-calming and placemaking, a primary part of the planning study will be the identification of sites for large sculptures to be purchased / placed in quarter-mile increments along the route, as well as the identification of what local theme each sculpture should represent. The study will also identify roadway and wayfinding improvements to be made to promote safety for a mix of cars and semi-trucks and corridor identity. Renderings, anticipated costs, and potential funding streams will also be included in the study.

The selected team will be responsible for:

- Conducting stakeholder committee meetings to define the project needs and solicit input
- Reviewing traffic data to determine baseline average daily traffic volumes and average speed
- Identifying solutions to be implemented by local communities, agencies, and the Illinois Department of Transportation
- Identifying themes for 28 sculptures to be located along the highway and their location, and providing renderings of proposed sculptures
- Identifying corridor needs and the potential for placemaking opportunities
- Outlining cost estimates of the proposed improvements, as well as potential grants or funding streams in order to make the improvements

### 1.02 Project and Selection Overview:

The Port is seeking proposals in order to select a top-ranked Team that has experience within the fields of transportation planning, urban design, placemaking, and civil engineering with a creative design intent. Creatively upgrading the image of Route 3 is a prominent requirement of this Study.

Accordingly, the Port will be seeking Teams with the following skillsets:

- Experience with large-scale, highway-speed sculptures and other artistic design
- Experience with traffic calming measures for a mix of trucks and cars
- Experience with corridor planning and placemaking

## DELIVERABLES AND SELECTION – REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

### 2.01 Overview

The Port will make a qualifications-based selection for this project. The Port review team will utilize a numerical evaluation process to rank the proposals received. Teams may be requested to participate within in-person interviews should there be multiple proposals received that are scoring similarly during the initial review (interviews may not be used for final selection if not deemed necessary by the review team).

### 2.02 Deliverables

Offeror shall provide, at a minimum, the following with their Statement of Qualifications, **DUE Wednesday, October 25 2023 @ 10:00am local time.**

- Introduction of the company/team:** Provide a background of the company or team that is being proposed to assist on this project. Include all relevant information on knowledge and experience within the planning, placemaking, and civil engineering fields.
- Organizational Chart:** summary of how each proposed team member is structured and how authority/responsibilities will be divided.
- Resumes:** summary of all proposed team members and their respective professional experiences, credentials and availability of key personnel. Emphasis of selection will be placed on experience and expertise each team member has which is relatable to this particular project goals.
- References:** details of all Previous Experience with a minimum of three (3) projects of similar scope that exemplify services related to this project's general scope (including reference contact information for each project).

### 2.03 Selection Process

The Owner is following a qualifications-based selection process for this project. Following a receipt of proposals, a thorough review of all received Proposals will be reviewed. The Port review team will utilize a numerical evaluation process to rank the proposals received. At this time, we do not expect an interview phase to be part of the selection process. However, the Port does reserve the right to schedule interviews should additional information be needed after review of the proposals in order to make a selection.

Each Proposal will be assessed on the following:

- Team Structure .....20% Weight
- Experience of Team .....20% Weight
- Member Expertise .....30% Weight
- Past Project Experience .....30% Weight

## POINT-OF-CONTACT

All proposals are to be submitted electronically in PDF format to: **[cvoelker@americascentralport.com](mailto:cvoelker@americascentralport.com)**

Any questions can be addressed via email to:

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