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February 16, 2009

Re: Request For Proposal: City of Blue Island Calumet-Sag Trail Corridor Development Plan

Dear Consultant:

The City of Blue Island (as the lead agency) is soliciting proposals from qualified and experienced professional firms to provide design services for the Calumet-Sag Trail Corridor Development Plan consisting of a Signage and Wayfinding Plan and a Public Spaces Master Plan. The City invites all qualified individuals and firms who possess experience, capability and expertise in signage and wayfinding systems planning and design as well as the design of public spaces generated through the public participatory process to submit proposals. The Project Area is defined as the proposed 32-mile long bike trail in the vicinity of the Cal-Sag Channel between Lemont and Burnham in South Cook County, Illinois. The enclosed Request for Proposals details the General Information, Scope of Work and Proposal Submittal Requirements.

The City's objectives for the Project are two-fold:


- 1) Develop a comprehensive signage and wayfinding system that announces the entry into each municipality and provides navigational and educational information along the Calumet-Sag Trail. The proposed signage and wayfinding system would direct trail users within each participating municipality, and inform the users in a variety of ways as described further in the enclosed Request for Proposals. The City of Blue Island, as the lead agency, is looking for a unified signage and wayfinding system design that blends compatibly within the overall Calumet-Sag Trail area as well as references and complements each municipality's individual character.
- 2) Develop a Master Plan of public spaces that complement and enhance the experience of users of the Calumet-Sag Trail as well as provide a variety of public use space typologies for residents of the communities along the Trail. These public space typologies may include performance venues, gathering areas, memorial plazas, interpretive centers, nature centers, arboretums/botanic gardens, scenic overlooks and the like, which would be determined through a focused public participation process.

Federal funds have been obtained by the City. Therefore, IDOT/FHWA procedures must be followed for the implementation of this project.

The City will host an informational meeting, scheduled for Thursday February 26, 2009 at 1:00 pm. This meeting will be held at the City Hall Annex, 2434 Vermont Street, Blue Island, IL. Please direct questions regarding the Request to Mary Poulsen, Marketing Director at (708) 396-7035 or via e-mail at mpoulsen@cityofblueisland.org.

Deadline for submitting a response to this Request for Proposal is 4:30 PM on Tuesday, April 7, 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Poulsen". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Mary Poulsen
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