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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Prospective Bidders  
**FROM:** Jim Schlouch  
**DATE:** May 16, 2011  
**RE:** Questions Regarding Request for Proposal 11-P-1 dated May 6, 2011

On May 6, 2011, the Illinois Office of the Auditor General issued Request for Proposals (Professional and Artistic Services) – Life-Cycle Cost Analysis Services (RFP #11-P-1). The original RFP is available on our website at <http://www.auditor.illinois.gov/Procurement-Bulletin-2010/Procurement-Files-2010+/Notices-and-RFP-Schedules/11-RFP-11-P-1-IDOT-Life-Cycle-Cost-full-text.pdf>.

On May 16<sup>th</sup> the Illinois Office of the Auditor General received the following question:

**Question:** If a Vendor currently performs work for IDOT, will that be viewed as a conflict that automatically excludes them from consideration?

OAG answer provided on May 17, 2011:

**Answer:** Section 1.23 b) 3) of the “Instructions for Submitting Offers” addresses how the OAG will handle potential conflicts: “Vendor is required to provide an explanation of how such work would not represent an independence problem in carrying out the services required by this solicitation. The OAG will review the extent and nature of the work performed by Vendor and Vendor’s explanation of its independence. The OAG will then make a final determination whether such work impairs the Vendor’s independence. If, in the Auditor General’s opinion, the Vendor’s independence is impaired, in fact or in appearance, the Vendor’s proposal will be rejected without further scoring or evaluation.” Additional guidance is provided on page 23 of the RFP which includes a discussion of relevant Government Auditing Standards, which are applicable for this engagement.

On May 16<sup>th</sup> the Illinois Office of the Auditor General received the following question:

**Question:** Is there any page limit on the proposal they submit?

OAG answer provided on May 17, 2011:

**Answer:** There are no page limits for this RFP.