

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR  
QUALIFIED VENDOR LIST FOR PURCHASE OF  
BATTERY ELECTRIC VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT AT THE ILLINOIS INTERNATIONAL  
PORT DISTRICT**

Required for use by:

**Illinois International Port District (IIPD)**



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**PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 12:00 P.M. (CST), ON AUGUST 3, 2026**

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## RFP SCHEDULE

Event	Target Date
RFP Issuance	June 30, 2026
Required Letter of Intent to Submit Proposal	July 13, 2026
Due Date for Sealed Proposals	August 3, 2026 at 12:00 pm (CST)
Evaluation of Proposals	August 4, 2026 to August 21, 2026
Release of Qualified Vendor Lists	September 1, 2026
Procurement of Vehicles/Equipment (if any)	September to October 2026
<b>Subsequent Solicitations and Events</b>	
EV Charging Infrastructure Design-Build RFP	TBD
Site Visits	TBD

## COMMUNICATION DURING THE RFP PROCESS

Respondents are responsible for monitoring IIPD's website, [www.iipd.com](http://www.iipd.com), for all information related to this RFP, including clarifications, addenda, questions and answers, and other updates. Respondents shall submit a Letter of Intent to Submit a Proposal to IIPD by July 13, 2026, to ensure inclusion on IIPD's list of prospective respondents. Failure to review and acknowledge applicable addenda shall not relieve a Respondent of its obligation to comply with any revised requirements, terms, or conditions.

All questions or requests for clarification shall be in writing and must be sent by email to [ErikV@iipd.com](mailto:ErikV@iipd.com), and directed to the attention of Erik Varela, Executive Director. Emails must clearly indicate "Questions and Requests for Clarification" in the subject line and must refer to "Request for Proposals (RFP) for Qualified Vendor List for Purchase of Battery Electric (BE) Vehicles and Equipment at IIPD."

## DEADLINES AND PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSALS

All Respondents must email a Letter of Intent to submit a proposal by August 3, 2026, and designate a point of contact on the proposal team to receive communications from IIPD regarding this RFP. To be assured of consideration, proposals must be received no later than 12:00 p.m. Central Time on August 3, 2026. Proposals shall be submitted electronically by email only to:

Erik Varela  
Executive Director  
Illinois International Port District  
[Erikv@iipd.com](mailto:Erikv@iipd.com)

Proposal submissions shall include: (1) a proposal narrative addressing the requirements of this RFP (pgs. 12 -17) and (2) a completed *Attachment D – RFP Response Bid Book*, together with all required specification sheets, certifications, forms, and supporting documentation.

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# I. BACKGROUND

## A. General

The Illinois International Port District (IIPD) is an Illinois municipal corporation created to promote the shipment of cargoes and commerce through its facilities. IIPD is the owner and master landlord controlling two land areas in South Chicago: Iroquois Landing, an open paved terminal with 3,000 linear feet of ship and barge berthing space located at the mouth of the Calumet River in the southwest corner of Lake Michigan; and Senator Dan Dougherty Harbor (Lake Calumet) which currently is home to various harbor operations and terminals located at the junction of the Grand Calumet and Little Calumet Rivers, situated six miles inland from Lake Michigan. IIPD's harbor facilities are served by rail facilities and are adjacent to three interstate highways and feature an abundance of warehouse facilities. IIPD currently leases facilities within its harbor areas to freight forwarders, export packaging, customs brokers, consolidators, shippers' associations, forwarders and expeditors, specialists in fragile and perishable cargoes, and many other users.

As part of its broader sustainability, resiliency, and clean transportation initiatives, and in connection with its participation in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Clean Ports Program, IIPD is seeking proposals from qualified and experienced original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) or vendors to provide BE vehicles and equipment for operation at its facilities. Based on vehicles and equipment deployed, IIPD anticipates issuing one or more future solicitations for the design, procurement, installation, and commissioning of charging infrastructure associated with the vehicles and equipment identified in this RFP. Such future solicitations are expected to include site-specific information and may require mandatory site visits for prospective proposers. IIPD reserves the right to issue such future solicitations at its sole discretion.

This Request for Proposals (RFP) is intended to solicit qualified BE vehicles and equipment EOMs or vendors that meet the following requirements:

1. Build America, Buy America (BABA) requirements including Foreign Entity of Concern (FEOC) compliance if not included in the EPA Clean Ports Program waiver<sup>1</sup>;

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<sup>1</sup> EPA Clean Ports Program General Applicability Waiver: [Technical Amendment Ports BABA Memo and Waiver-July2024](#)

2. Ability to provide vehicles and equipment by the following deadlines and meet all waiver requirements if included in the EPA Clean Ports Program General Applicability Public Interest waiver:

*55% Domestic Content Waiver Provision*

- Contracted order date for vehicles and equipment on or before 12/31/27
- Contracted delivery date on or before 12/31/28
- Delivery no later than 7/1/29, except for yard trucks and ship-to-shore cranes which have different timelines under the waiver
- 55% Domestic Content Waiver Provision will be phased out sooner for terminal tractors which must meet the following deadlines:
  - Contracted delivery date on or before 12/31/26
  - Delivery no later than 7/1/27
- Ship-to-Shore (STS) cranes where installation commences on or before 12/31/26 must meet a 25% domestic content requirement; STS cranes where installation commences on 1/1/27 or thereafter must achieve full BABA compliance
- Specific cargo handling equipment fully excluded from this waiver include:
  - BE heavy forklifts 36,000 lbs. 24” & 48” Load Center (LC)
  - BE heavy forklifts 55,000 lbs. 48” LC
  - BE heavy forklifts 65,000 lbs. 48” LC
  - BE heavy forklifts 92,500 lbs. 48” LC
  - BE heavy forklifts 100,000 lbs. 48” LC
  - BE loaded top-pick container handler (up to 6-high-stack and 90,000 lbs.)
  - BE loaded side-pick container handler (up to 8-high-stack and 20,000 lbs.)
  - BE reach stacker (up to 5-high-stack and 90,000 lbs.)
- Fixed charging infrastructure for zero emission port equipment such as electric vehicle charging equipment and shore power technology are excluded

*Supplemental De Minimus Waiver Provision*

- BABA waiver on domestic content requirement for manufactured products and domestic manufacturing requirement for an additional 15% of material costs for purchase of mobile port equipment, except for cranes
- This Supplemental De Minimus Waiver is on top of EPA’s existing Public Interest De Minimus Waiver that allows up to 5% of the total project cost to be used on items not required to demonstrate compliance with BABA requirements
- Fixed charging infrastructure for zero emission port equipment such as electric vehicle charging equipment and shore power technology are excluded

3. All vehicles and equipment must be fully battery electric;
4. All vehicles and equipment must be fully commercialized and have all federal and state certifications;
5. Cannot include light-duty vehicles;
6. Vehicles and equipment cannot be leased and purchases can only be financed with a conventional purchase loan.

## B. Relationship to Clean Ports and Port Electrification

This RFP is issued within the broader context of IIPD's Clean Ports Program implementation and the IIPD's long-term electrification and clean energy strategy across its portfolio. Actual vehicles, equipment, and chargers deployed may be revised upon submission of final equipment order(s) based on finalized single line drawings and ComEd interconnection approval for charging at each site.

In furtherance of Clean Ports objectives, respondents should recognize that meeting project timing on ordering and delivery of equipment and sequencing of construction activities for charging infrastructure installation will affect ability to qualify for BABA waivers and incentive eligibility. OEMs and vendors are expected to deliver equipment to prioritize timely advancement of qualifying activities while allowing other elements of project development to proceed in parallel.

IIPD anticipates increased electrical demand at Lake Calumet associated with future BE vehicles, equipment, charging infrastructure, and related port electrification activities. BE vehicles and equipment under this RFP are intended to support these zero-emission (ZE) objectives.

## II. GENERAL INFORMATION

### A. Project Purpose and Objectives

The primary purpose of this RFP is to create a qualified vendor list for BE vehicles, equipment, and chargers at Lake Calumet to support IIPD's Clean Ports objectives, preserve eligibility for available federal and state incentives, and position IIPD to meet anticipated increases in electrical load associated with electrification and ZE technologies.

A critical objective of this procurement is to advance project activities on a timeline that supports use of the Clean Ports BABA waiver for qualifying vehicles and equipment, as well

as applicable state and utility incentives. Respondents are expected to demonstrate an understanding of federal requirements to propose qualified vehicles, equipment, and chargers.

## B. Project Sites

The proposed location for deployment of BE vehicles and equipment includes IIPD facilities along the Calumet River (130th Street and Stony Island) and at 3600 E 95th St. IIPD is a secure facility requiring security clearance or oversight of all workers on site.

## C. Site Visits

No site visits will be conducted in connection with this RFP. However, IIPD anticipates issuing one or more future solicitations for the design, procurement, installation, and commissioning of charging infrastructure associated with the vehicles and equipment identified in this RFP. Such future solicitations are expected to include site-specific information and may require mandatory site visits for prospective proposers. IIPD reserves the right to issue such future solicitations at its sole discretion.

# III. PROJECT SCOPE OVERVIEW/GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Under this RFP, IIPD is seeking proposals for vehicles and equipment for IIPD and terminal operators. IIPD intends to own vehicles and equipment deployed using Clean Ports funds. Respondents should provide complete itemized pricing for multiple sizes and quantities, including any volume discounts, using the attached [Bid Book Excel file](#).

Proposers can bid on the following equipment and vehicles under this RFP. The attached Bid Book Excel file contains a tab for each equipment type below.

- Pickup Truck
- Dump Bed Truck
- Day Cab Tractor
- Utility LSV
- Skid Steer Loader
- Terminal Tractor
- Forklift (8,000lb)
- Forklift (22,000lb)
- Forklift (36,000lb)

- Forklift (55,000lb)
- Reach Stacker (99,000lb)
- Material Handler (Gantry Mount)
- Material Handler (Mobile)
- Container Handler
- Mobile Crane
- Rail Car Mover
- Rail Switcher
- Wheel Loader

The scope of services contemplated under this RFP includes the following: technical specifications, pricing, quantity pricing, warranties, operations and maintenance, ability to meet BABA and FEOC.

Respondents shall be responsible for providing qualified vehicles, equipment, and chargers that meet BABA and FEOC requirements and providing any required certifications.

## IV. PROJECT ASSUMPTIONS AND CONSTRAINTS

### A. Ownership and Commercial Structure

- The Project is anticipated to be structured with IIPD retaining ownership of vehicles, equipment and infrastructure and terminal operators serving as deployment partners for the life of the Clean Ports grant.
- IIPD intends to comply with any applicable BABA and FEOC requirements.
- Proposals should offer pricing for vehicle and equipment purchases, without any leasing or financing.

### B. BE Vehicle Assumptions

#### *Performance, Availability, and Degradation*

Drayage trucks must have at least 100 visits/year take place at IIPD

#### *Monitoring*

Vehicles shall include continuous monitoring, diagnostics, and alarm management, with data collection sufficient to support performance tracking, degradation analysis, and operational optimization.

### *Safety, Codes, and Standards*

Vehicles and equipment should be in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local codes and standards, including but not limited to the National Electrical Code (NEC), applicable building and fire codes, and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements.

## **C. Equipment Assumptions**

### *Performance, Availability, and Degradation*

- Cargo handling equipment (terminal tractors, forklifts, top handlers, side picks, straddle carriers, etc.) are required to have at least 90% of annual usage (hours) take place at IIPD
- Locomotives (switchers, railcar movers) are required to have 1) at least 75% of its annual usage (hours) take place at IIPD, 2) visit IIPD at least 200 days per year, and 3) exclusively perform short-haul runs between IIPD and a second point of rest (e.g. terminal, interchange, or yard)
- Harbor craft and other vessels (commercial and tribal fishing vessels, tugs, ferries, patrol boats, workboats, dredges, pilot boats, barges, etc.) are required to have at least 60% of its annual usage (hours and port visits) take place at IIPD
- Other eligible mobile source equipment are required to have at least 90% of annual usage (hours and operating days) take place at IIPD

### *Monitoring*

- Equipment shall include continuous monitoring, diagnostics, and alarm management, with data sufficient to support performance tracking, degradation analysis, and operational optimization.

### *Safety, Codes, and Emergency Response*

- Equipment shall be designed and operated in compliance with all applicable safety codes and standards, including requirements related to fire protection, thermal management, and system monitoring.

## **D. Federal Compliance Requirements**

All aspects of Projects and proposals must comply with applicable federal requirements, including those listed in the Federal and State Requirements section of this RFP.

## V. RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS

### A. General Response Requirements:

In order to be considered, all Respondents proposals must meet the following Minimum Requirements:

1. Information must be received on time. Information must be complete, in conformance with the specifications and other requirements of this RFP and include all documentation, evidence or verification requested.
2. Respondents must list and briefly describe any past work history with governmental clients and/or other local government bodies. The project descriptions shall include, at a minimum, the scope of work performed, location and description of key personnel assigned on the project. Respondents should indicate N/A if Respondents do not have any work history with governmental clients and/or other local government bodies.
3. Respondents must provide a general description and background concerning Respondent's organization, and ability to provide qualified vehicles, equipment, and infrastructure meeting requirements in this RFP.
4. Respondents should identify all licensures, certifications and/or accreditations that Respondents have received or attained. Respondents should demonstrate understanding of all applicable standards for performance applicable to this RFP and explain plans for compliance with applicable standards.
5. Respondents, to be eligible to bid this project, are required to be in business a minimum of five (5) years and to be licensed in both the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois and to provide a listing of any litigation they have been involved in for the past five (5) years, as well as any debarment or disciplinary actions taken against respondent in the past five (5) years.
6. Respondents must agree to comply with applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations governing the conduct of firms in business with the State of Illinois. Any purchase contract and any other agreements entered into between IIPD and selected Respondents shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois.
7. Respondents shall follow the RFP Response Template (set forth below) to record responses where indicated. Narrative responses may be provided where a template is not specified or where additional explanation is necessary.
8. All responses must be consistent with and reflect the Project Assumptions and Constraints set forth in this RFP. Any deviations, alternative approaches, or assumptions must be clearly identified and justified in the response.

## B. Changes by Respondents.

If Respondents changes any element(s) of its bid, IIPD, in its discretion, may disqualify the Respondents.

## C. Proprietary Information.

Respondents are hereby advised that the IIPD is subject to the Illinois State Freedom of Information Act, (“FOIA”), (5 ILCS 140/1, et seq.). Confidential information will be treated as such to the extent consistent with the Port District’s legal obligations under FOIA and other applicable laws, regulation or legal process and the provisions of any Confidentiality Agreement between IIPD and Respondents. Upon the request of Respondents, IIPD will entertain reasonable confidentiality agreements concerning confidential or proprietary information a Respondents wishes to protect from public disclosure, provided, however, any such agreement shall be subject to FOIA and other applicable legal requirements as set forth above.

Additionally, Respondents may designate those portions of the Proposal which contain trade secrets or other proprietary data that must remain confidential. If a Respondent includes data that is not to be disclosed to the public for any purpose or used by the IIPD except for evaluation purposes, the Respondent must:

1. Mark the title page as follows: “This RFP Proposal includes trade secrets or other proprietary data (“data”) that may not be disclosed outside the IIPD and may not be duplicated, used or disclosed in whole or in part for any purpose other than to evaluate this Proposal. The data subject to this restriction are contained in sheets (insert page numbers or other identification).”
2. Mark each sheet or data to be restricted with the following legend: “Use or disclosure of data contained on this sheet is subject to the restriction on the title page of this Proposal.”

The IIPD, for purposes of this provision, will include any consultants assisting in the evaluation of Proposals. If, however, a contract is awarded to this Respondent as a result of or in connection with the submission of this data, the IIPD has the right to duplicate, use, or disclose the data to the extent provided in the resulting contract. This restriction does not limit the IIPD’s right to use information contained in the data if it is obtained from another source without restriction.

## D. Response Format

To facilitate a consistent and efficient evaluation process, Respondents shall organize their proposals in accordance with the format outlined below. Responses should address each section in the order presented and provide sufficient detail to demonstrate the Respondent's qualifications and the proposed equipment's compliance with the requirements of this RFP.

### **Section A: Cover Letter and Executive Summary**

This section should provide a concise, high-level overview of the respondent's proposed approach, key assumptions, and overall understanding of the Project. The executive summary should clearly articulate how the proposal aligns with IIPD's objectives, constraints, and anticipated project complexity in narrative form.

- Cover letter signed by an authorized representative
- Executive summary describing:
- Vehicles and equipment to be provided
  - BABA and FEOC compliance
  - Familiarity with incentives as they relate to qualifying vehicles and equipment
  - Ability to deliver under required timelines
  - Prior experience with similar projects including projects with public agencies, funded by federal grants, and similar size and complexity

### **Section B: Respondent Information and Qualifications and Compliance**

This section is intended to demonstrate the respondent's organizational capacity, relevant experience, and ability to comply with applicable federal, state, and local requirements. Respondents should clearly describe their team structure, compliance approach, and experience delivering similar projects under public or grant-funded programs.

- Respondent and point of contact
- Appropriate business and contracting licenses in good standing
  - Appropriate other licensing in good standing
- Federal and State Compliance Experience
  - Demonstrated experience working with federally funded projects and providing equipment compliant with BABA and FEOC.

Respondents shall clearly describe their approach to compliance documentation related to all applicable federal and state requirements

### **Section C: Project Approach and Technical Description**

This section should describe the respondent's proposed technical and execution approach in sufficient detail to demonstrate feasibility, constructability, and alignment with the Project Assumptions and Constraints.

Respondents shall provide equipment lists, pricing, and other tabular or quantitative information in Attachment D – RFP Response Bid Book. All other technical descriptions, assumptions, and explanations should be provided in narrative form, with sufficient detail to demonstrate feasibility and compliance with the Project Assumptions and Constraints.

### **Section D: Operations, Maintenance, Training, and Technical Support**

This section should describe the approach to supporting the proposed vehicles and equipment throughout their useful life. Respondents should clearly identify available operation and maintenance (O&M) service programs, extended warranties, maintenance offerings, training resources, and post-delivery support capabilities and whether these O&M services would continue to be provided if there were a transfer of ownership during the O&M period such as a transfer from IIPD to the terminal operator. The objective of this section is to assist IIPD in understanding the long-term ownership and operational requirements associated with the proposed equipment.

Respondents shall provide information regarding the following:

#### **D.1 – Warranty Coverage**

- Standard manufacturer warranty terms and duration
- Warranty coverage for batteries, drivetrains, charging systems, and other major components
- Extended warranty options and pricing, if available

#### **D.2 – Operations and Maintenance Support**

- Available O&M service and maintenance agreements
- Recommended maintenance intervals and anticipated annual maintenance requirements
- Authorized service providers for O&M services covered under warranty or O&M service agreements
- Identification of routine maintenance activities that may be performed by owners/operators

#### **D.3 – Technical Assistance and Customer Support**

- Technical support services available to owners/operators
- Hours of operation for technical support
- Escalation procedures for critical equipment issues

- Availability of remote diagnostics, monitoring, or troubleshooting services
- Documented history of uptime based on prior fleet deployments in revenue service and measures to ensure maximum uptime

#### **D.4 – Spare Parts and Supply Chain Support**

- Availability and stocking of replacement parts
- Typical delivery times for commonly replaced components
- Availability of regional or local parts inventories
- Approach to supporting equipment throughout its anticipated useful life

#### **D.5 – Repair Response and Service Network**

- Locations of service providers and field service personnel supporting Illinois customers
- Typical response times for routine service requests and percentage of requests fulfilled within 24, 48 or 72 hours
- Typical response times for critical equipment failures that render equipment inoperable and percentage of requests fulfilled within 12, 24, or 48 hours
- Availability of mobile service technicians and emergency repair services for offsite issues

#### **D.6 – Operator and Maintenance Training**

- Operator training programs included with equipment purchase
- Maintenance technician training programs available to owners/operators
- Training materials, manuals, and online resources provided
- Availability of refresher training or advanced training programs

#### **D.7 – Fleet Performance and Data Support**

- Availability of telematics, fleet management tools, or equipment monitoring platforms to analyze uptime and other key performance metrics
- Reporting capabilities related to utilization, energy consumption, uptime, and performance
- Support available for compliance reporting associated with federal and state grant-funded projects

### **Section E: Commercial Proposal, Pricing and Timelines (Attachment D – RFP Response Bid Book)**

Respondents shall complete and submit *Attachment D – RFP Response Bid Book* for each vehicle and equipment category for which they are proposing. The Bid Book is intended to provide IIPD with standardized information regarding equipment specifications, available configurations, pricing, delivery schedules, warranty terms, service offerings, incentive eligibility, and other commercial information necessary to evaluate and compare available equipment options.

Respondents shall complete all applicable fields within the Bid Book and provide sufficient detail to accurately describe the proposed equipment and associated commercial terms. Where multiple equipment configurations, options, or pricing scenarios are available, Respondents are encouraged to provide such information within the Bid Book or as an attachment.

Narrative explanations may be included to clarify assumptions, equipment configurations, pricing methodologies, delivery schedules, warranty coverage, service offerings, incentive eligibility, or any other information relevant to the proposed equipment. Respondents may also identify optional features, upgrades, or alternative configurations that may be of interest to IIPD.

Information provided in the Bid Book will be used by IIPD to evaluate equipment compliance with Minimum Required Specifications, understand available equipment characteristics and capabilities, assess commercial terms, and establish a shortlist of qualified vendors for future project-specific procurements.

#### Timeline for Delivery and Commissioning

Respondents shall provide a proposed delivery schedule for each vehicle and equipment type and demonstrate their ability to deliver all proposed vehicles and equipment **no later than September 30, 2026**.

At a minimum, Respondents shall provide the following:

- Estimated lead time from order issuance to delivery
- Expected manufacturing and production schedule
- Estimated delivery date for each proposed vehicle or equipment type
- Description of any commissioning, testing, or startup activities required following delivery
- Identification of key assumptions, dependencies, and supply chain considerations affecting delivery schedules
- Description of measures that will be taken to mitigate schedule risks and delivery delays
- Information regarding current inventory availability, production capacity, or reserved manufacturing slots, if applicable
- Description of prior experience delivering similar equipment within comparable timeframes
- Example equipment and vehicle purchase orders or contracts

Respondents proposing multiple equipment configurations or delivery options shall identify any differences in anticipated delivery schedules for each configuration.

Equipment Specification Sheet Requirements:

- Respondents shall provide manufacturer specification sheets, product brochures, or technical data sheets for each vehicle and equipment model proposed.
- Specification sheets shall clearly identify the proposed make, model, and configuration
- Specification sheets will be used by IIPD to verify compliance with Minimum Required Specifications and evaluate equipment characteristics and capabilities.
- Where multiple configurations or options are proposed, Respondents shall provide specification sheets for each configuration.

**Section F: Project Experience and References**

This section should demonstrate the Respondent's experience supplying vehicles and equipment similar to those identified in this RFP. Respondents are encouraged to highlight experience with battery-electric technologies, freight and logistics operations, port-related applications, and public-sector customers.

Respondents shall provide:

- Description of the Respondent's experience supplying battery-electric vehicles, equipment, and related technologies
- Description of experience delivering equipment for use at ports, rail yards, intermodal facilities, freight terminals, warehouses, distribution centers, or other industrial and logistics facilities
- Description of experience working with public agencies, port districts, municipalities, school districts, state agencies, tribal governments, or other quasi-public entities
- List of similar projects completed within the last five (5) years, including customer name, project location, equipment type, quantity delivered, and year completed
- Three (3) references for comparable projects

Minimum Qualifications

- Respondent shall demonstrate successful delivery of at least three (3) battery-electric vehicle or equipment projects within the last five (5) years
- Respondent shall demonstrate successful delivery of at least one (1) project involving a port, rail, freight, logistics, industrial, or public-sector customer
- Respondent shall be authorized by the manufacturer to market, sell, and support the proposed vehicles or equipment within the State of Illinois

### **Section G: Required Certification and Forms.**

This section should include all required certifications, affidavits, and forms necessary to demonstrate compliance with this RFP and applicable legal requirements, including:

- Attachment A – BABA Manufacturer Declaration Form
- Attachment B – Country of Origin and Component Content Form
- Attachment C – Bid Submission Form
- Attachment D – RFP Response Bid Book

## **VI. EVALUATION OF RESPONSES**

The purpose of this RFP is to establish a list of qualified vendors capable of providing eligible equipment under current and future EPA-funded projects. Responses will be evaluated to determine whether the proposed equipment satisfies the Minimum Required Specifications and whether the Respondent possesses the qualifications, experience, and capabilities necessary to provide and support the proposed equipment.

Vendors must demonstrate compliance with all Minimum Required Specifications to be considered responsive. Responses that fail to meet one or more Minimum Required Specifications may be rejected from further consideration.

In addition to the Minimum Required Specifications, Respondents will be asked to provide information regarding additional preferred equipment characteristics, configurations, and available features. These items are intended to help IIPD better understand available equipment options, operational capabilities, O&M service agreements, extended warranties, charging standards, and other product attributes currently available in the marketplace. Such information is requested for planning and future procurement purposes and is not intended to establish mandatory requirements or disqualify otherwise responsive proposals.

IIPD will be utilizing the following weighted selection criteria for selection of qualified vendors for each equipment category. These will be focused on meeting minimum performance specifications, required delivery timelines, uptime and response time for repairs and parts replacements, warranties and O&M services, and cost.

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Weight</b>
Meeting Minimum Required Performance Specifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilizing Standardized Charging Connectors and Chargers</li> <li>• Operation Range and Hours of Operation</li> <li>• Uptime Guarantee and Minimize Response Time for Repairs and Parts Replacements</li> <li>• Other Equipment Specific Factors</li> </ul>	35%
Ability to Deliver Equipment by September 1, 2028	25%
History and Years of Prior Revenue Service at Ports/Terminal Operators	10%
Cost, including base equipment costs, options, discounts, fees, and other ancillary costs	30%

Additional consideration will be given to proposals meeting preferred performance specifications and extended warranties and/or O&M service agreements for each equipment category. Proposals will be evaluated and scored by a selection committee to determine qualified vendors. Depending on the number of proposals for each equipment category, timeline for evaluation of proposals and release of qualified vendor lists may deviate from the schedule published in this RFP.

Based on its evaluation, IIPD may establish a shortlist of qualified vendors for each equipment category. Inclusion on a shortlist does not guarantee future work, contract awards, or purchase orders. IIPD reserves the right to solicit pricing, proposals, or additional information from qualified vendors for future project-specific procurements.

## VII. COMMUNICATION DURING THE RFP PROCESS

IIPD’s contact person for this solicitation Erik Varela, who can be reached at: [ErikV@iipd.com](mailto:ErikV@iipd.com)

All questions or requests for clarification shall be in writing and must be sent by email to [ErikV@iipd.com](mailto:ErikV@iipd.com), and directed to the attention of Erik Varela, Executive Director. Emails must clearly indicate “Questions and Requests for Clarification” in the subject line and must refer to “Request for Proposals (RFP) for Qualified Vendor List for Purchase of Battery Electric (BE) Vehicles and Equipment at IIPD.”

**Respondents must not communicate directly or indirectly with any IIPD Trustee, officer, employee, or other representative of IIPD or its advisors or customer or their advisors on matters related to this RFP other than the contact person specified above or his designee.**

Answers to questions of general interest, updates and addenda will be posted on the IIPD website: <http://www.iipd.com>

The Port District will review all properly submitted responses and if necessary, may request additional information (in writing and/or through presentations or interviews) or written clarification.

## VIII. DEADLINE AND PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSALS

To be assured of consideration, proposals must be received by the Executive Director no later than 12:00 p.m. Central Time on August 3, 2026. Proposals shall be submitted electronically by email only to:

Erik Varela  
Executive Director  
Illinois International Port District  
[ErikV@iipd.com](mailto:ErikV@iipd.com)

Respondents shall submit one (1) complete electronic copy of the proposal in PDF format. The proposal must include all required forms and certifications and bear the signature of an authorized representative where signatures are required. The subject line of the submission email should reference the RFP title and number.

If the proposal file size exceeds the Respondent's email transmission limits, the Respondent may provide a secure cloud-based file transfer link (e.g., SharePoint, OneDrive, Dropbox, or similar platform), provided that all proposal materials are accessible to IIPD by the submission deadline.

Respondents are solely responsible for ensuring that their proposals are received prior to the submission deadline. Proposals received after the deadline may be rejected and may not be considered.

Any false statement(s) made by a Respondent will void the proposal and eliminate the Respondent from further consideration. The Executive Director reserves the right to reject any proposal that deviates from the submission requirements. No additional or missing documents will be accepted after the due date and time except as may be requested by the Executive Director.

## IX. FEDERAL AND STATE COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

This procurement is funded in part by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), and Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and is therefore subject to federal procurement requirements in 2 CFR §200.317 – §200.327. Accordingly, all equipment, materials, and associated components must comply with all applicable federal procurement requirements, including the BABA provisions and the DBRA for labor subject to federal prevailing wage requirements.

In addition, this procurement is subject to applicable State of Illinois laws and regulations, including the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500), the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130), and the Illinois Works Jobs Program Act (30 ILCS 559), including any workforce participation requirements applicable to public works projects funded in whole or in part with State funds. For public works projects involving construction labor, the work is also subject to the Illinois Public Construction Bond Act (30 ILCS 550), Illinois Public Works Employment Discrimination Act (775 ILCS 10), Illinois Public Contract Fraud Act (30 ILCS 545), and Illinois Project Labor Agreements Act (30 ILCS 571).

The Respondent shall agree to comply with the constitution of the United States, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 1971, et seq.), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794, et seq.), the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 1210, et seq.), the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 201, et seq.), the Constitution of the State of Illinois, the Illinois Human Rights Act (Ill. Comp. Stat. 1992, Ch. 775, Sec. 5/1-101 et seq.), the Cook County Human Rights Ordinance.

IIPD intends to implement this project in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local requirements, including those relevant to Clean Ports-aligned activities.

Respondents should anticipate compliance with relevant grant-related requirements which may be imposed from time to time, including in relation to funding supplied by USEPA and

IEPA. Such policies and regulations may implicate requirements concerning procurements, provision of services, and administration of grant funding and may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Build America, Buy America (BABA): All iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in funded projects must comply with domestic content requirements, unless a waiver has been granted by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency or the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
- National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA): Projects must identify and protect historic and cultural resources that may be affected by construction activities, in consultation with the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office.
- Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act: Projects must avoid or properly manage impacts to archaeological or historic sites that may be discovered during project development.
- Endangered Species Act (50 CFR Part 402): Projects must assess potential impacts on federally listed species or critical habitats and coordinate with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or National Marine Fisheries Service as appropriate.
- Farmland Protection Policy Act: Projects must avoid or minimize the conversion of prime farmland to non-agricultural uses.
- Coastal Zone Management Act: Projects located within Illinois' designated coastal zone must demonstrate consistency with the Illinois Coastal Management Program.
- Other Applicable Federal or State Requirements: Additional cross-cutting requirements may apply as specified in program guidance or through the grant agreement.
- Proprietary Information. Respondents are hereby advised that the Authority is subject to the Illinois State Freedom of Information Law ("FOIL"). Confidential information will be treated as such to the extent consistent with the Authority's legal obligations under the FOIL and other applicable laws, regulation or legal process and the provisions of any Confidentiality Agreement between the Authority and Respondents. Respondents are advised that all 9 materials provided will be reviewed jointly by IIPD and the Port Authority.

## X. RIGHTS / RESERVATIONS

IIPD reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Proposals. IIPD further reserves the right to award in part or in whole, to one or more vendors, or to reject any or all proposals, whichever is deemed to be in its best interest of the IIPD.

The IIPD reserves the right to modify, terminate, or restart the process at any time, without giving any reason. The receipt of responses in no way obligates the IIPD to enter into any contract with any party.

The IIPD reserves the right to amend the solicitation, reject any or all Proposals and waive minor defects. This competitive process may require that Respondents provide additional information and otherwise cooperate with the IIPD. The IIPD may request a clarification, interview staff, request a presentation, or otherwise verify the contents of a Proposal, including information concerning subcontractors and suppliers.

The IIPD will make all decisions on compliance, evaluation, and terms and conditions, and shall make decisions in the best interests of the IIPD and in accordance with its policies and applicable statutes and regulations.

The IIPD is not responsible for costs or damages incurred by Respondents, member(s), partners, subcontractors or other interested parties in connection with the RFP process, including but not limited to costs associated with preparing the Proposal and of participating in any conferences, site visits, product/system demonstrations, oral presentations or negotiations.

## XI. MISCELLANEOUS

Respondents are urged to refer frequently to IIPD's website. IIPD will post questions from Respondents and IIPD's responses as well as corrections, addenda and updates to this RFP, if any on IIPD's website located at: [www.iipd.com](http://www.iipd.com)

## XII. ATTACHMENTS

Please see the following attached documents.

Attachment A – BABA Manufacturer Declaration Form

Attachment B – Country of Origin and Component Content Form

Attachment C – Bid Submission Form

Attachment D – RFP Response Bid Book

**Attachment A — Build America, Buy America (BABA) Manufacturer Declaration**

Respondents shall complete and submit a separate Attachment A for each vehicle or equipment type proposed in response to this RFP.

Project:	
RFP No:	
Manufacturer Name:	
Product / Model No.:	
Description:	
Production Facility Address:	

**Section 1 – Domestic Manufacturing Certification (check one)**

- The product is a manufactured product meeting BABA requirements: at least 55% of the total component cost originates from U.S.-produced components, and final manufacturing occurs in the United States.
- The product is covered under an EPA-approved BABA waiver (attach documentation).
- The product qualifies under an EPA general applicability waiver (attach reference).

**Section 2 – Supporting Documentation (attach as applicable)**

- Bill of Materials with component origin
- Factory certification statement
- EPA waiver or public interest waiver citation
- Domestic content calculation
- Other documentation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 3 – Authorized Certification**

I certify that the information provided is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge that this declaration is subject to audit and that false or misleading statements may result in contract termination or penalties.

Authorized Representative Name:	
Title:	
Company:	
Signature:	

Date:	
Phone:	
Email:	

**Attachment B — Country of Origin and Component Content Form**

Respondents shall complete and submit a separate Attachment B for each vehicle or equipment type proposed in response to this RFP.

Project:	
RFP No.:	
Manufacturer / Supplier:	
Product Description / Model:	

**Complete the table below for each major component:**

Component / Subassembly	Manufacturer	Country of Origin	% of Total Product Cost	Domestic (Y/N)

Final Assembly Location:	
Date of Final Assembly:	
Total Domestic Component Cost (%):	

Meets ≥ 55% domestic content requirement?

Yes  No  Covered by Waiver

**Certification**

I certify that the above component and origin information is accurate and based on company records available for audit.

Authorized Representative Name:	
Title:	
Company:	

Signature:	
Date:	
Phone:	
Email:	

**Attachment C — Bid Submission Form**

Project:	QUALIFIED VENDOR LIST FOR PURCHASE OF BATTERY ELECTRIC VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT AT IIPD
RFP No:	
Bidder Name:	
Company:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	

**Section 1 – Pricing Summary and Schedule (modify as necessary)**

*Please attach a spec sheet for each proposed equipment type*

<b>Equipment Description</b>	<b>Final Out-the-Door Price (USD)</b>	<b>Delivery Time (Months)</b>	<b>Spec sheet attached? (Y/ N)</b>
Pickup Truck			
Dump Bed Truck			
Day Cab Tractor			
Utility LSV			
Skid Steer Loader			
Terminal Tractor			
Forklift (8,000 lb.)			
Forklift (22,000 lb.)			
Forklift (36,000 lb.)			
Forklift (55,000 lb.)			
Reach Stacker (99,000 lb.)			
Material Handler (Gantry Mount)			
Material Handler (Mobile)			
Container Handler			

Mobile Crane			
Rail Car Mover			
Rail Switcher			
Wheel Loader			

**Section 2 – Compliance and Certifications**

- Bidder certifies that all proposed equipment is compliant with the Build America, Buy America (BABA) requirements.
- Bidder certifies that all applicable forms (Attachments A and B) are completed and attached.
- Bidder certifies that the proposed pricing includes all delivery, taxes, and documentation costs.

**Section 3 – Authorized Signature**

I hereby submit this bid proposal to IIPD and certify that all statements and pricing herein are accurate and binding for a period of at least 90 days from the submission deadline.

Authorized Representative Name:	
Title:	
Company:	
Signature:	
Date:	
Phone:	
Email:	