

# METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

## Request for Industry Feedback

### Metro Blue Line Light Rail Extension

The Metropolitan Council is evaluating packaging and delivery method strategies for the METRO Blue Line Extension light rail transit project. The Request for Industry Feedback (RFIF) is a request for the construction industry to provide input on the potential packaging and delivery method strategies described in the RFIF and to inform the construction industry of the potential procurement opportunities with the Met Council in the future.

The Project will extend the existing METRO Blue Line light rail from Target Field Station northwest to Brooklyn Park and connect communities in the corridor. The Project is 13.4-miles long, connecting downtown Minneapolis to the communities of North Minneapolis, Robbinsdale, Crystal, and Brooklyn Park. The Project is a critical connection in the highly traveled northwest area of the Twin Cities and includes connections to Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport and the Mall of America. More information about the Project can be found here: [bluelineext.org](http://bluelineext.org)

The Met Council recognizes the need to ascertain market interest and understand industry perceived risks in the potential project packages and delivery methods prior to confirming a packaging and delivery method strategy for the Project. The goals of the Met Council's industry outreach initiative are to:

- Spread awareness and share updated project information to those in the contracting community who may be interested in working on the Project and encourage participation of qualified contractors;
- Seek input from the industry as it relates to Project risks, which can help prioritize the Met Council's pre-construction planning activities;
- Seek input from the industry on the proposed packaging strategies for the Project, which can offer the Met Council insight into market interest, potential challenges with the Met Council's proposed strategies, identify other packaging strategies that the Met Council has not yet considered, or confirm which packaging strategy is most preferred: and
- Seek input on the Met Council's proposed delivery methods for the Project to gauge interest of qualified contractors in participating in upcoming procurements.

The Met Council will seek industry feedback and perform industry outreach through three steps: 1) written responses to the RFIF, 2) industry informational session, and 3) one-on-one meetings with eligible Contractors. These three steps are further described within the RFIF. The Project is currently performing an environmental assessment and has issued the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) and will be seeking Municipal Consent from local communities along the alignment. The RFIF is not a solicitation for construction bids.

The Met Council thanks entities in advance for their participation in this outreach initiative and looks forward to receiving valuable feedback from the contracting community.

RFIF Virtual Informational Meeting  
Written Responses Due

August 28, 2024 at 1:00 PM CST  
September 27, 2024, at 5:00 PM CST

It is requested that contractors and industry professionals interested in responding [Click Here](#) to view and download the RFIF. Please input this QuestCDN eBidDoc™ Number **9278613** on the website's Project Search page. Contact QuestCDN at 952-233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com) for assistance in downloading and working with the digital documents.

An optional informational meeting will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams on:  
**August 28, 2024 at 1:00 PM CST.**

**Microsoft Teams**

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Questions concerning the content of the RFIF document may be directed to:  
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