



Illinois Department of Transportation

2300 South Dirksen Parkway / Springfield, Illinois / 62764

April 14, 2026

SUBJECT: FAU 165 (West Solon Road)
Section 19-00510-00-WR
McHenry County
Contract No. 61L86
Item 042
April 24, 2026 Letting
Addendum (A)

NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS:

Attached is an addendum to the plans or proposal. This addendum involves revised and/or added material.

- 1. Revised the Schedule of Prices**
- 2. Revised Plan Sheets 4, 5, 8, 9, 14, 15, 20, 23, 57, 58, & 59**
- 3. Revised pages 49 & 70 of the Special Provisions**

Prime contractors must utilize the enclosed material when preparing their bid and must include any changes to the Schedule of Prices in their bid.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jack A. Elston'.

Jack A. Elston, P.E.
Bureau Chief, Design and Environment

TREES (SPECIAL)

Description. This work includes furnishing and placing anchoring boulders, harvesting, storing and permanently placing woody debris (logs with root wads), and all excavation required for root wad extraction and permanent placement of woody debris and anchoring boulders, in accordance with this special provision and the Plans.

Plan Details. The following detail(s) have been included in the Plans for this work:

- “TREES (SPECIAL) DETAIL”

Materials. Materials shall be according to the following sections of the Standard Specifications:

The boulders shall conform to the following gradation:

Median Particle Size	Diameter (in.)
D100	24”
D50	20”
D10	18”

Boulders shall be a mixture of clean, bank-run rounded, boulder-sized rock, free of fracture faces and any defects that would lead to accelerated weathering with diameters ranging from a minimum of eighteen inches (18”) to a maximum of twenty-four inches (24”). Boulders shall not be comprised of any exclusive size or dominant size but rather shall be a mixture of size class within the defined range.

Woody debris shall be harvested by the Contractor from the project site with the root wad intact. The Plans identify one (1) suitable on-site log to be harvested for use as woody debris. Acceptable species include shagbark hickory, black locust, oaks, willow and cottonwood logs that will generally withstand being exposed to air following installation. The log with root wad was sawcut a minimum of ten feet (10’) above the root wad by the Township and has a minimum diameter of eight inches (8”) up to a maximum diameter of twenty-seven inches (27”) throughout the length. Upon extraction by the Contractor, the root wad shall consist of a dense, flattened root mass at least three feet (3 ft.) in diameter. All logs shall be sound and free from extensive decay. All branches shall be trimmed to the trunk.

All woody debris shall be approved for use by the Engineer prior to installation.

Construction Requirements.

Extraction. The suitable, on-site log was felled by the Township and left in place for root extraction by the Contractor. Woody debris shall be harvested by the Contractor by pushing or grubbing the trunk in such a manner as to ensure complete removal of the roots intact with the trunk. Excavation required to remove the root wad is included in this item of work at no additional cost to the Owner.

The following contact information is what was used during the preparation of the plans as provided by the owner of the facility.

Agency/Company Responsible to Resolve Conflict	Name of contact	Phone	E-mail address
Comcast	Brandom Wilhelm	773-825-6261	bwilhelm@talmanconsultants.com
ComEd	Umme Kulsoom	847-691-3370	umme.kulsoom@comed.com
Charter Communications /Spectrum	Dominic Katcha	414-430-0891	dominic.katcha@charter.com
Frontier **	Paulo Javier	309-820-1242	paulo.t.javier@ftr.com
Mediacom	Christopher Minard	815-597-5103	cminard@mediacomcc.com

***Abandoned Frontier facilities, including aerial cable and poles along the north side of West Solon Road within project limits, were fully removed by Frontier Communications in December 2025. No conflicts are anticipated.*

The above represents the best information available to the Department and is included for the convenience of the bidder. The days required for conflict resolution should be considered in the bid as this information has also been factored into the timeline identified for the project when setting the completion date. The applicable portions of the Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction shall apply.

Estimated duration of time provided above for the first conflicts identified will begin on the date of the executed contract regardless of the status of the utility relocations. The responsible agencies will be working toward resolving subsequent conflicts in conjunction with contractor activities in the number of days noted.

The estimated relocation duration must be part of the progress schedule submitted by the contractor. A utility kickoff meeting will be scheduled between the Department, the Department’s contractor, and the utility companies when necessary.

The contractor is responsible for contacting JULIE (or DIGGER within the City of Chicago) prior to any excavation work. Please note that IDOT electrical facilities are not part of the one-call locating services, such as JULIE or DIGGER.

If the contract requires the services of an electrical contractor, it is the contractor’s responsibility, at their own expense, to locate existing IDOT electrical facilities before commencing work. For contracts that do not require an electrical contractor, the contractor may request one free locate of IDOT electrical facilities by contacting the Department’s Electrical Maintenance Contractor. Additional locate requests will be at the contractor’s expense.

The Department’s Electrical Maintenance Contractor must be notified at least 72 hours in advance of the work by calling 773-287-7600 or emailing dispatch@meade100.com to arrange for the locating of underground electrical facilities. Please note, the marking of underground facilities does not absolve the contractor of their responsibility to repair or replace any facilities damaged during construction at their expense.