



Request for Cure

Pursuant to 30 ILCS 500/50-57, the Chief Procurement Officer for General Services may, at the request of the State Purchasing Officer and agency head, permit a cure during an active procurement if a violation or deficiency of the Procurement Code, or of the procurement rules, regulations, policies, or practices promulgated by a chief procurement officer occurs.

Instructions for Submission: Complete sections 1-3. The State Purchasing Officer should provide the "Request for Cure" form to the Chief Procurement Officer with documentation as needed to support the request.

1. Procurement Deficiency

1.1 State Agency Name	DOT - Transportation
1.2 BidBuy Reference Number	25-494DOT-FINAD-B-46327
1.3 Procurement Description	IDOT Recruiting Hiring & Retention Efficiency Study - RFP
1.4 Date Agency notified SPO of the violation or deficiency	Jan 9, 2026
1.5 Provide a clear description of the violation or deficiency, including reference to the statute, rule, regulation, CPO Notice, or practice lacking compliance.	

In this procurement, a procedural deficiency has occurred related to the offer-hold period.

Under JCAR 1.2005(d)(2), offers may not be held for more than 180 days unless otherwise approved. The 180-day offer-hold period for this solicitation has expired before the procurement could be completed. As a result, the solicitation is no longer in compliance with the requirement in Section 1.2005(d)(2) of the Chief Procurement Officer's Administrative Rules.

This deficiency does not affect the fairness or competitiveness of the procurement but requires a permitted cure or waiver to allow the procurement to proceed. It is in the best interest of the State to waive the requirement in Section 1.2005(d)(2) and permit a cure so the solicitation may be completed.

2. Justification to Cure the Violation or Deficiency

Provide a detailed explanation why the benefits of permitting a cure outweigh the potential harm to stakeholders.

The potential harm of granting the extension is minimal. Vendors were already informed of the longer hold period and have not been asked to change their pricing or proposals. In contrast, denying the extension could result in the bid firm time expiring, forcing cancellation and re-procurement, which would cause greater delays, added costs, and loss of work already completed.

Most importantly, this procurement supports a critical study intended to position Illinois as a national leader in transportation and infrastructure while improving recruitment, hiring, and retention. Allowing sufficient time ensures the Agency can select the best-value consultant and achieve these long-term goals.

The Agency has reached out to the vendors to request that they hold their pricing firm for an additional 50 days and we have received affirmative responses from each vendor.

For these reasons, the benefits of permitting the cure clearly outweigh any potential harm.

3. Recommended Action Necessary to Cure the Violation or Deficiency

Provide a clear description of the action necessary to cure the violation or deficiency, including the party(ies) that will undertake the action and the time frame to complete each action.



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Permitting a cure by granting an additional extension of bid firm time provides greater benefit than harm to all stakeholders. The Agency has taken reasonable steps to manage the procurement timeline, including requesting vendors to hold their offers for an additional 180 days and obtaining CPO approval on 11/19/2025 for a 134-day extension, which set a new bid firm date of 1/26/2026.

The Agency would like to request an extension to 03/13/26, for the 46 days that were not granted during the previous cure request. Furthermore, the Agency would like to request extending the bid firm date an additional 44 days to 04/26/26, which would allow the Agency to complete the outlier process, oral presentations, price opening, and BAFO, in a fair and orderly manner. Granting this cure avoids rushing oral presentations, evaluations and negotiations, which could lead to errors or inconsistent treatment of vendors. This will also allow reasonably accommodating the selection committee members' existing job responsibilities.

4. Agency Head and State Purchasing Officer Attestation

The agency head (designee not permitted) and State Purchasing Officer (SPO) individually attest: "I believe the integrity, transparency, and efficiency of the procurement can be maintained while permitting the cure."

Agency Head Name

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Agency Head Signature

Signed by:



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SPO Name

Adam Aldridge

Date

SPO Signature

Adam David Aldridge

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5. Required Action to Cure or Rationale for Denying the Cure Request

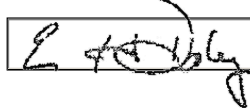
Offeror firm time for pricing extended to March 13, 2026.

6. Chief Procurement Officer for General Services Determination

6.1 ☒ I authorize curing the violation or deficiency when following the action in section 5.

6.2 ☐ I deny the request to cure the violation or deficiency in subsection 1.4 based on the rationale in section 5.

Ellen H. Daley Signature



Date

1/30/2026