CONTRACTOR REVIEWS OF STAGE 2 PLANS

Concept

Feedback from brainstorming sessions at several of the early ITT meetings across the state coalesced around the benefits of improving plan constructability. Gaining input from contractors during the design process could reduce uncertainty and risk and thus improve construction timelines and reduce costs. Stage 2 (50% Plans) was initially selected as the point in design development to seek that input.

Initial Implementation

Stage 2 Plans were posted online as part of INDOT's 18-month Letting list. Improvements were made to the procedure including:

- Providing a link to the documents that only appears when files have been posted
- Identify files for posting via a separate file-naming convention
- Posting only the plans, specs, and quantities and not cost estimates or any reviewed documents
- Sending monthly email notifications showing new file postings via a listserv.

First year results

Most projects have received no review comments. Contractors have provided several explanations for this including:

- Not enough time to look at Stage 2 Plans while needing to prepare bid estimates for Lettings
- Not enough information on Stage 2 Plans
- Too many projects being posted

Discussions within the SW ITT Stage 2 Subcommittee have also identified the lack of financial motivation for contractors to participate in the exercise. While posting the same file with another filename is not much extra work for the Designer, reviewing the plans and providing comments is comparatively more for the Contractors.

Future Considerations

Considering the low volume of projects reviewed and commented on, future considerations could include:

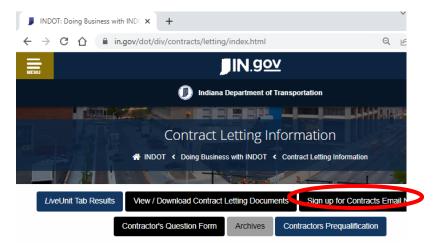
- Posting Stage 3 Plans which contain more robust details, specs, and quantities
- Posting only the more complex projects for feedback, identifying specific questions/elements for review
- Including additional files such as a list of pay items, MOT narrative from the Designer, etc
- Retaining several contractors with on-call contracts to provide review comments

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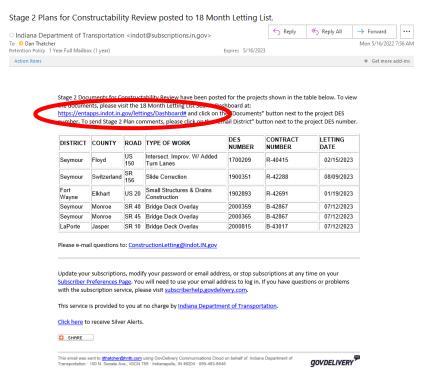
- Who –Contractors are part of the ITT 3-legged stool, and this is an opportunity to get involved early
- What Early constructability review of plans & specs
- When at Stage 2 Plans, or ~50% design
- Where INDOT's 18 Month Letting List (see instructions below)
- Why To have more constructible projects, reducing risk and uncertainty
- How listserve notifications when plans are ready, emails to District with comments (see instructions below)

Instructions

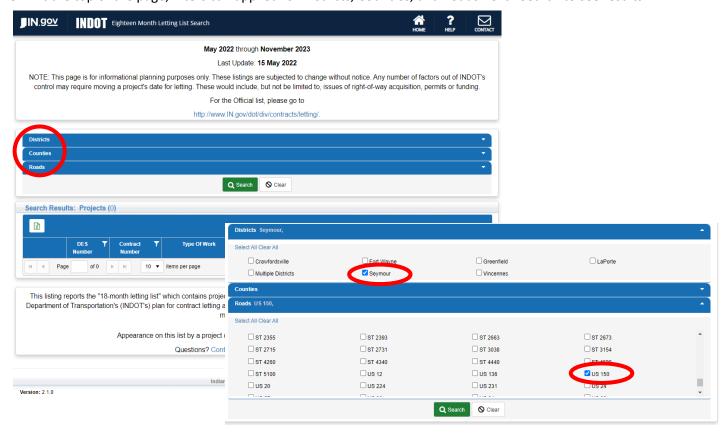
1. Start by signing-up for the Contract Letting List-serve.



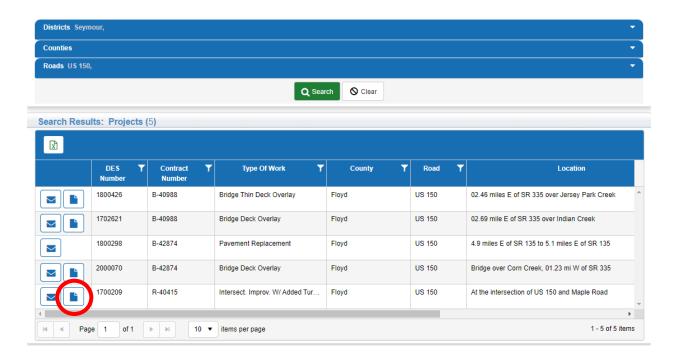
2. Stage 2 Emails will be sent out when documents are posted, either monthly or quarterly. The email will show projects by District, County, Road, and Type of work. The DES, Contract Number, and Letting Date are provided. To look at a specific project, click the link at the top of the email to go to INDOT's 18 month Letting list.



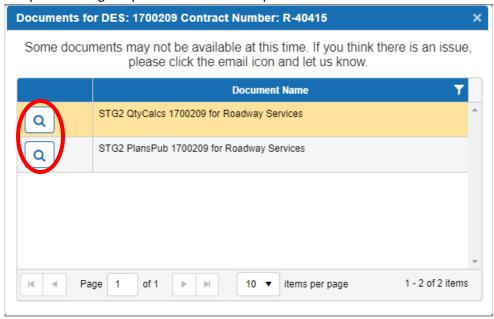
3. At the top of the page, filters can applied for Districts, Counties, and Roads. Click Search to see results.



4. Once filtered, click the Documents button to the left of the desired project.



5. A window will open showing the posted documents. Open and review.



6. If there are comments to share with INDOT, click the email icon next to the project to send a message to the District office.

