

## Metra Selects Ardmore Roderick to Provide Engineering Design as Part of 75<sup>th</sup> St.

July 7, 2020 - The CREATE partners are pleased to announce that Metra has selected Ardmore Roderick Group (Ardmore Roderick) to provide engineering design services for the raising of two bridge spans for the Rock Island Line near 79<sup>th</sup> Street. This is a necessary step for the CREATE Program's 75<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Improvement Project (75<sup>th</sup> St. CIP). Ardmore Roderick will provide structural engineering and design for the modification and raising of the two spans of Bridge 87 beginning Summer 2020.

"We are pleased to have Ardmore Roderick beginning this important work that will ensure improvements for the 75<sup>th</sup> St. CIP integrate seamlessly with construction of the new Metra Auburn Park Station," said Metra CEO/Executive Director Jim Derwinski.

The CREATE partners' commitment to creating economic opportunities in the surrounding neighborhoods is reflected in the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation goal (30%) for this work and the number of local firms selected. GSG Consultants, a DBE firm, will be performing geotechnical & environmental services. Ardmore Roderick is headquartered in Chicago.

There will be additional opportunities for right-of-way acquisition, engineering, construction and supplier opportunities on the 75<sup>th</sup> St. CIP. DBE firms are encouraged to <u>register through the CREATE</u> <u>website</u> for email invitations to respond to professional services bid opportunities for contracted work. All CREATE Program partner procurements will be sent through the CREATE procurement notification email. Notifications are also made through newspapers.

To learn more about the 75th St. CIP, go to www.75thcip.org.

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