



## **Norfolk Southern Selects Lead Engineering Team for 75th Street Corridor Improvement Project**

August 12, 2019 - The CREATE partners are pleased to announce that Norfolk Southern has selected [Alfred Benesch & Co.](#) and [TranSystems](#) to provide program management and track design services for a portion of CREATE Project EW2 (Belt Junction and 80th Street Junction Replacements). This is one of the four projects that comprise the [75th Street Corridor Improvement Project](#) (75th St. CIP).

This freight rail project is an important part of long-term plans to reduce train delays and address passenger and freight congestion on converging railroad lines in Chicago.

“Norfolk Southern looks forward to starting the design work associated with this important CREATE project supported by the team of Alfred Benesch & Company and TranSystems. Both firms have extensive experience designing complex rail projects, and are fully committed to robust community engagement throughout the final design engineering process. We are confident this arrangement will position the CREATE partners to deliver a project that provides lasting benefits to the surrounding community, the Chicago region and North America’s rail network,” said Dave Becker, Chief Engineer, Design and Construction, Norfolk Southern.

The CREATE partners' commitment to creating economic opportunities in the surrounding neighborhoods is reflected in both the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation goal (25%) for this work, as well as the number and size of project elements in the Request for Proposals (RFP). The Benesch/TranSystems team includes eight DBE firms.

1. 2iM Group, LLC – Track design, drainage design
2. American Surveying & Engineering Inc. - Surveying services
3. Ardmore Roderick – Track design, utilities, public outreach
4. Cera Solutions and Applications, LLC – Program QA management, document control
5. GSG Consultants, Inc. – Geotechnical engineering
6. SE3, LLC – Structural design, structural review
7. Synnov Group, Inc. – Program management, scheduling, cost estimating
8. Trinal, Inc. – Community engagement, career development

Alfred Benesch & Company and TranSystems pledge to create a mentor-protégé program for three of the DBE firms that will perform design work for this project. This arrangement will include close guidance and assistance to develop railroad design expertise. This mentor-protégé program goes beyond including DBEs in the contract to foster a wider talent pool of more experienced DBE firms to perform railroad bridge and track design work on future projects.

The final design of Project EW2 is anticipated to begin later this year.

There will be additional opportunities for bridge design engineering on Project EW2 and design, engineering, construction and supplier opportunities on the 75<sup>th</sup> St. CIP. DBE firms are encouraged to [register through the CREATE website](#) 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 75<sup>th</sup> St. CIP, go to [www.75thcip.org](http://www.75thcip.org).

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