

Michigan-Indiana Border Remonumentation Proposal Responses-February 4, 2025

Is there a minimum size organization that is required to be considered for this project & grant?

1. OLS&R Ans.: No

If our organization is not currently required under Michigan Law to have audited financial statements and information security programs will that still be required to award a grant?

2. OLS&R Ans.: Yes, these are conditions of the grant under Section II-FF Confidentiality, Data Privacy and Information Security (a) of the RFP requiring “establishing and maintaining a data privacy and information security program...”, and PART V, INFORMATION REQUIRED FROM APPLICANT(S), V-D, Management Summary (3) requiring “a copy of the organizations most recent audited financial statement as well as a copy of the organization’s most recent single audit as required by OMB Circular 200.36.”

Is the framework of the project grant rigid as spelled out in the RFP, or can a proposal for the project be configured on a percentage completion and milestone basis?

i.e.: % for materials & startup, then a % for initial recon, % for monumentation % for presentation etc.

Note: by configuring the grant in this respect the majority of the grant will go into the product of the state line survey. There would be no need to track hours, fringe benefits and admin time. State of Michigan payment would be for completed work only – constructed similar to how current County Remon Grants are written. \$x = x # of corners completed.

3. OLS&R Ans.: PART I: GENERAL GRANT INFORMATION, I-M Grant Payment Scale of the RFP provides that progress payments up to a total of 85% of the total authorized budget may be made upon submission of a Grantee request and that payment of the final 15% shall be made after completion of the project and approval of the final report.

The grant appears to be written to complete the entire Michigan / Indiana line. Will the scope of the project be reduced to complete only a portion of the line with the available funds?

4. OLS&R Ans.: No, the grant is for the survey and remonumentation of the whole project and is to be completed within the timeframe provided for by MCL 54.311-321 which sunsets Jan. 01, 2026.

As part of the Border Cost Study, is full research completed for each corner and being provided to the grantee?

5. OLS&R Ans.: All information provided to the State of Michigan as part of the Border Cost Study will be provided to the grantee upon issuance of the grant.

If so, What does the research entail? GLO Notes? Adjacent Surveys? Adjacent Remon corner info? Record coordinates for existing remon corners? Digital files developed from the Final State Line Cost Study?

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And is this information complete for both States?

7. OLS&R Ans.: Collaboration and participation between both states are required and any additional research needed for the state line survey outside of the research completed during the Cost Study would be at the discretion of the grantee.

Please clarify, does the project need to be reviewed at the County level with Remonumentation Peer Groups, as well as the State Line commission? If Peer Groups are required at the County level, will the meetings & review be covered under 2025 County level remon peer group contracts, or do separate peer group contracts need to be issued through this grant, and compensated through this grant? Can these Peer Groups be assured to meet in a timely fashion to meet project deadlines?

8. OLS&R Ans.: No, pursuant to MCL 54.317(1)(c) the commission shall “compile appropriate records and documents verifying the location of the mileposts and submit those records and documents to the respective county peer review groups.”

The cost of supplies needs to be included in the grant. Is there a monument standard that is required? Special monument? Size of Irons/pipes Brass/Alum cap? Specially designed cap? Posts & Signs?

9. OLS&R Ans.: PART III: WORK STATEMENT, V-H Budget (3) Budget Requirements, Supplies, Materials, & Equipment indicates to include supply items and costs and to provide a detailed explanation of the items purpose and relation to the program. See the Final State Line Cost Study-Attachment B, page 114 of 115 for monument type and cap.

PART III-a (e) states: Resolve any differences revealed by the (*state line*) survey between record documents and recovered evidence regarding the location of mileposts defining the Michigan-Indiana state line.

The Final State Line Cost Study – Attachment B states “LINE BETWEEN MILEPOSTS 2-3 6+/- potential private survey corners.”

Does this project require the location & measurement of all private & intermediate property corners on the state line? Does the project require all of these private lines to then be monumented on the accepted line between mileposts? Surveys to that fact be developed and recorded?

10. OLS&R Ans.: Pursuant to MCL 54.317(3 and 4), the commission shall “resolve any differences revealed by the survey between record documents and recovered evidence regarding the location of mileposts defining the Michigan -Indiana state line.” It is not the intent of this grant to monument private property corners.

What is the cooperation of Indiana look like?

Does Indiana have a similar Remonumentation program to Michigan? Would County level reviews be necessary, as well as the Indiana Line Commission?

Does Indiana have a previous or current project of the same nature?

Does Indiana have any corners completed at this time?

Can the cooperation of Indian be assured for timely review & adaption of the project, assuming that is required to complete the project for final payment?

11. OLS&R Ans.: Collaboration and participation between both states are required. Pursuant to MCL 54.317, "The commission shall not replace lost corner positions if the state of Indiana does not participate in the survey and remonumentation project as authorized by Indiana law. To accomplish the purposes of this act, the commission or its representative may meet and collaborate with a similar commission established by the state of Indiana or that commission's representative."