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CITY SEEKS PROPOSALS TO INCREASE PARKING EFFICIENCIES

Innovative bids for parking operations would consolidate government contracts

INDIANAPOLIS — Mayor Gregory A. Ballard is seeking experienced companies to respond to a request for qualifications (RFQ) issued today for a long-term concession arrangement and management contract for the City's parking system. The City plan envisions combining operation of government parking assets, such as parking lots, metered spaces and garages, under one management company to create efficiencies and savings. It will also result in easier parking with increased customer satisfaction.

The City currently oversees more than 15,000 parking spaces and hopes this effort will incorporate other governmental entities' parking lots throughout the area. Included in this request are

- Three Capital Improvement Board (CIB) surface lots and one parking garage
- Two City of Indianapolis parking garages
- Three garages managed by Simon Property Group
- Two state parking garages and one lot
- All metered street spaces

In addition, the proposal asks for responses for the State of Indiana downtown parking garages and the parking to be created at the new Wishard Memorial Hospital.

A request for information on parking at Indianapolis International Airport is attached to the proposal.

“By better utilizing the City's parking assets, visitors and residents will enjoy the benefits of new parking technologies. This will also create a better parking experience for the customers of the spaces and garages,” Mayor Ballard said. “Under this plan, we expect to see a greater number of metered spots becoming available to residents and visitors, which is something they want.”

The city's solution to downtown parking also serves as an economic opportunity for downtown stores and restaurants.

“Teaming with the City and other government entities makes good sense. Instead of having multiple government entities with multiple contracts, the City and State, along with the CIB can operate all

parking under one contract, resulting in greater efficiencies, increased revenues and a more responsible use of taxpayer money,” said Ann Lathrop, CIB board chair.

With a substantial need for improved infrastructure, the City seeks innovative solutions to help fund a growing problem without creating additional financial burdens on the people of Indianapolis.

“The dollars created from a potential agreement to manage Indianapolis’ parking system will be used to fund tangible projects — such as repairing crumbling curbs and sidewalks, restoring bridges and resurfacing deteriorating roads,” Mayor Ballard said.

Responses to the RFQ are due March 15, 2010. The RFQ can be found on the Mayor’s Web site at indy.gov/mayor. Questions should be directed to Michael Huber, the Mayor’s Director of Enterprise Development, at mhuber@indy.gov.

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