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City of Indianapolis Seeks Interested Market House Operators for Historic City Market

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Indianapolis, IN – The City of Indianapolis Department of Metropolitan Development (DMD) recently issued a Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) to identify potential market house operators to manage the historic City Market. This step marks the launch of Phase 2 of the project.

Earlier this year, DMD unveiled a [conceptual plan](#) for a revitalized Whistler Plaza, the first phase of the project. To complement this reimagined space, DMD is seeking a new operator to bring a vibrant and economically sustainable vision to the renovated City Market. The City encourages proposals for operating all or part of the Market, with a focus on preserving the historic significance of the structure while activating the space in innovative ways. Submissions should demonstrate demand, impact, sustainability, and operational capacity.

"The City Market is a cornerstone of Indianapolis history, and this RFEI is a critical step toward ensuring its long-term success," said Megan Vukusich, Director of DMD. "We are seeking operators who will honor the market's legacy while helping us create a vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable public space."

Timeline for RFEI Process:

- RFEI Release Date: 10/10/2025
- Questions Due: 10/31/2025 by Noon
- Submission Deadline: 11/21/2025 by 10 a.m.
- Review Period: December 2025
- Notification of Shortlisted Firms: January – February 2026

The revitalization of City Market is part of the City's [Downtown Resiliency Strategy](#), which is focused on strengthening the city's urban core with investments in housing, recreational public spaces, vibrant economic development, and connected infrastructure. Next steps include selecting an operator and reviewing and approving the proposed business model and design before redevelopment work begins.

For more information about the RFEI or to view the concept design, please visit [this website](#).

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