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## **City of Indianapolis Seeks Proposals for Old City Hall Properties**

**INDIANAPOLIS, IN** – Today, the City of Indianapolis Department of Metropolitan Development (DMD) issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to identify a qualified developer to lead improvements on the Old City Hall properties.

Constructed in 1909, Old City Hall was utilized for many purposes including City offices, Indiana State Museum, and Indianapolis Central Library. This site benefits from a number of significant public investments and surrounding amenities that have been completed or are planned in the near future. Bordered to the east by Alabama Street and the Indianapolis Cultural Trail, a Legacy of Gene and Marilyn Glick, this property connects the established Mass Ave Cultural Arts District to the growing Market East District.

Proposals should reflect plans to preserve and repurpose the Old City Hall building and develop the underutilized surface parking lot. Proposals should prioritize walkability and include street-level design elements such as storefronts, outdoor seating, and activated sidewalks. Redevelopment of this critical site will complement other ongoing downtown infrastructure investments.

Any redevelopment will be subject to the requirements of the Indianapolis Historic Preservation Commission and the Old City Hall Historic Area Plan to ensure compatibility with the historic character of the site. The City encourages appropriately scaled, mixed-use development that supports long-term growth in the downtown core while respecting the site's historic significance.

DMD is asking for a robust submission that includes anticipated funding sources for the project and proof of market feasibility. Projects will be reviewed based on criteria included in the RFP including proof of experience completing similar projects, financial capacity and feasibility, and historic preservation.

Interested organizations are encouraged to review the full RFP materials on the "[Find Bid Opportunities](#)" webpage and submit their responses electronically to [piers.kirby@indy.gov](mailto:piers.kirby@indy.gov) by 12:00 p.m. local time, August 28, 2026. The RFP reference number is RFP-13DMD-102.

DMD encourages interested respondents to request a 1-Hour Pre-Submittal Meeting with City staff to discuss their concept and alignment with the City's desired use of the site prior to responses being due. To request a Pre-Submittal Meeting, email [piers.kirby@indy.gov](mailto:piers.kirby@indy.gov). All requests for Pre-Submittal Meetings must be submitted in writing by no later than



August 1, 2026. Questions regarding the RFP and submittal can be sent to [piers.kirby@indy.gov](mailto:piers.kirby@indy.gov) no later than 5:00 p.m. local time, August 7, 2026.

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