

DATE: March 11, 2015

TO: Kansas Transload Facility Site Analysis Advisory Committee Members
And Freight Transportation Stakeholders

RE: Request for Statements of Interest Regarding Kansas Transload Facility Site Analysis

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and Kansas Turnpike Authority (KTA), in cooperation with the Kansas Department of Commerce has issued this Request for Statements of Interest regarding potential locations for a transload facility in Kansas. These facilities are intended to further support projected freight transportation needs in Kansas. National and statewide trends indicate freight flows in Kansas are projected to increase 45% by 2045. This anticipated increase will provide companies with opportunities for economic development and for increased regional, national and global export of Kansas products. The deployment of a transload facility will help Kansas businesses capitalize on increased freight capacity.

As a freight transportation stakeholder, you are receiving this Request for Statements of Interest to recommend a site or sites for a transload facility.

What is a Transload Facility?

A transload facility is a multimodal site for moving goods from one mode of transportation to another, or in this case, from truck to rail and rail to truck. By leveraging the benefits of shipping by rail and local/short haul trucking, a transload facility can provide more flexible and cost-effective transportation solutions for customers that currently may not have local access to freight rail service or those who need expanded warehousing.

What are the Site Requirements and Review Process?

Numerous criteria are considered in selecting a transload facility site. A region of the state that provides rail access, geographical balance and community support are among the first measures used, as is environmental and land use capability. For the initial baseline criteria analysis, the following criteria will be considered:

1. Available property: At least 40 to 50 contiguous acres
2. Rail access: Proximity to rail service (less than 10 miles is desirable)
3. Road/Highway access: Proximity to roadways that are designed to carry full truckload weights

Following receipt of Statements of Interest, the initial and subsequent analyses will be conducted by the partner agencies under advisement by a consultant team and Transload Facility Site Analysis Advisory Committee. This committee consists of various private and public sector industry partners to offer a wide range of expertise and perspectives in the site selection process.

How do I submit a site(s) for consideration?

If you have a site for consideration that meets the three baseline criteria above, please complete the enclosed questionnaire, along with any additional merits of the site(s) and a site location map and return it by electronic mail to Mr. John Maddox at JohnM@ksdot.org. Please be sure to identify a primary point of contact with name, title, organization name and include complete contact information. If possible, please format electronic files in pdf format. While electronic mail is the preferred method of correspondence, information may also be mailed to Mr. Maddox's attention at:

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(No phone calls, please)

What is the Schedule?

The overall site analysis and selection process is envisioned to have a nine month timeline:

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| 1. Request for Information Released | March 11, 2015 |
| 2. Baseline Criteria and Questionnaires Due | April 3, 2015 |
| 3. Responses from KDOT to Interested Parties | April 17, 2015 |
| 4. List of Sites for Further Evaluation | April 30, 2015 |
| 5. Detailed Evaluation of Sites | May 1 – May 31, 2015 |

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Mike King
Secretary of Transportation

Enclosure

- c: Chris Herrick, P.E., Director, Division of Planning and Development, KDOT
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