The Kelley’s Island Ferry Boat Line (KIFBL) is seeking interest from Qualified Ohio-based Local Public Agencies (LPA’s) to partner with the boat line in the construction of a Ferry Boat vessel to be used exclusively in Lake Erie. The following bullet points render a general discussion of this project.

1. $2,000,000.00 of Ferry Boat Discretionary Grant Funds have been awarded for this project. The Ferry Boat Line will be responsible for any costs exceeding the grant award.

2. The LPA will hold Project Management responsibilities and administer the contract.

3. The LPA will own 51% of the Ferry Boat for its expected life estimated at 20-25 years. The operator will be responsible for all insurance, maintenance, and the operation of the Ferry Boat including all profits and losses.

4. The LPA and the KIFBL will be responsible for entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will identify the responsibilities of each parties with regard to the LPA agreement.

5. The Ferry Boat construction will be a Design-Build Project for one 140’x 30’x 9’ double-ended passenger ferry boat, built to ABS class steel construction, driven by four (4) diesel z-driven propulsion engines.
6. The estimated start of construction is spring 2017, with an estimated construction schedule of 12-18 months from commencement of construction. This will be the sister ship of the Shirley Irene of the KIFBL and detailed specs of this construction are available by contacting August Palladino at 1-216-883-7200 or 1-216-244-2251.

7. The completed boat will operate exclusively in the western basin of Lake Erie with its port of call between Marblehead, Ohio and Kelleys Island, Ohio. The completed boat will occasionally be used to transfer materials to the bass islands and will be docked in Sandusky Bay in the winter when it is not running.

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