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Dear Potential Applicant:

This letter is to inform you that the Herkimer-Oneida Counties Transportation Council (HOCTC) is accepting applications for the Local Bridge Preliminary Engineering Program, which is intended to give local governments an opportunity to complete bridge preliminary engineering studies ahead of the next NYSDOT Bridge NY program solicitation.

Eligible applicants include all sponsors authorized to receive and administer state and federal transportation funding under the NYSDOT Bridge NY program. Applications may be submitted by public entities seeking funding to complete preliminary bridge engineering for facilities under their jurisdiction. Eligible projects will include all bridges on public highways carrying vehicular traffic, in accordance with the Federal-aid process. No applications for culverts will be accepted at this time.

A total of \$3 million in federal funding is available to communities in Herkimer and Oneida Counties on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no minimum or maximum request. Municipalities can submit more than one project but should rank projects in order of need. Applications will be evaluated based on the area need, the relationship to other existing or proposed projects, potential implementation capacity, regional significance, and alignment with the goals of the HOCTC Long-Range Transportation Plan and consistency with the eligibility criteria for the NYSDOT Bridge NY Program. HOCTC is not bound by this request and may initiate other projects that utilize available funding to support MPO, state, and federal funding priorities that may take precedence.

Awards will support preliminary engineering work, and Federal/State capital funds will cover up to 95 percent of the project cost, with the remaining five percent covered by local funds. Applications will be due by **Tuesday, December 15th at 4 p.m.**

Application materials and information are available on the HOCTC website (<https://oneidacountyny.gov/departments/planning/transportation/>) and at [Herkimer-Oneida Counties Transportation Council \(HOCTC Central\)](#). Please contact Julie Richmond at jrichmond@oneidacountyny.gov or 315-798-5710 at HOCTC for more information or questions about this opportunity.

Sincerely,

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