



Next Level Connections // High Level Engineering Firms

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The logo for NextLevel Connections. It features a stylized yellow 'N' with a white outline and a white arrow pointing upwards from the top right corner. To the right of the 'N', the words 'NextLevel' and 'Connections' are stacked vertically in a white, sans-serif font. The entire logo is set against a dark blue rectangular background.

NextLevel Connections

You've heard about Gov. Eric Holcomb's Next Level Connections effort, a new \$1B investment in infrastructure projects. The Next Level Connections program will expand broadband services in rural Indiana, grow the state's systems of trails, create more nonstop international flights, and move up the completion of major highway projects. The state also will continue to pursue building a new fourth water port at Lawrenceburg and expansion of rail projects in northwest Indiana.

Now you need a high level engineering firm to assist you with your community's project. Qualification Based Selection (QBS) will identify the best firm for your community to partner with. Using the QBS process ensures that design professionals focus on demonstrating why they are the most qualified firm to do a project knowing that if they are selected based on their expertise, they will then be able to discuss and negotiate a REAL price and scope, instead of blindly providing a LEAST VIABLE low-bid.

When working on your community's Next Level Connections project, use QBS to identify a HIGH LEVEL engineering firm that can deliver a project within your required scope, budget and timeline.

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What is QBS?

QBS is a proven step-by-step process that facilitates selecting the right professional design firm based on overall merit of their qualifications and design approaches. This creates a fair competition, and encourages creativity, innovation, and deeper thinking about the entire life-cycle of the project.

[Click here for a video summary](#)



AIM Ideas Summit QBS Opportunity

ACEC Indiana will have 120 members represented at the AIM Ideas Summit Oct. 2-4 in French Lick. Ask anyone wearing a QBS button why they promote this procurement method!

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