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Mr. Joseph P. Clary
Illinois Department of Transportation
Division of Public & Intermodal Transportation
J.R. Thompson Center, Suite 6-600
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Chicago, Illinois 60601

Dear Mr. Clary,

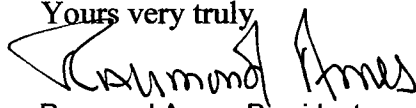
Ames Construction, Inc. is a Minnesota based construction company with a background in civil engineering and heavy construction, including highway (Federal, State, County), airport, utility and railroad roadbed and bridge projects throughout the Midwest, Southwest and West Coast regions.

We have taken an active role in pursuing business opportunities for projects to be awarded under the CREATE program, which has regional and national significance for the future in realigning the transportation network for all modes of transport to better serve the nation.

Chicago, the nation's Transportation Hub is being challenged by other competing gateways and in this regard, we believe the ground work already established under the CREATE program offers opportunity to move these vital projects forward quickly with infrastructure investment from the major railroads serving the Chicago gateway, along with Federal, State and local funding.

We support the CREATE program along with the state of Illinois capital and federal funding to fulfill the \$1.3 billion needed to complete these major projects through 2015.

Yours very truly



Raymond Ames, President

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