



Employment

- CREATE will sustain 17,000 jobs through 2020 in Northeastern Illinois, according to the Regional Economics Applications Laboratory at the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign.
- Freight and passenger railroads employ 18,601 people in Illinois.
 - Railroad wages are highly competitive, averaging \$68,600 plus benefits in 2006.
 - 47 percent of CREATE railroad partners' employees in Northeastern Illinois are people of color.
- CREATE, along with the Illinois Department of Employment Security, Teamsters Local 786, and Helmets to Hardhats, is conducting bi-monthly job opportunities workshops for Illinois veterans with training led by railroad companies. CREATE has hosted five events in which nearly 300 qualified candidates have participated. The goal is to increase the number of qualified veterans applying for railroad positions statewide.

Railroads Receive Recognition

- **Latina Style** Magazine listed two CREATE railroads among the 2007 list of 50 best U.S. employers for Hispanics – UP and BSNF.
- **G.I. Jobs** recognized BNSF, UP, CSX and NS as four of the 50 top employers for veterans in the U.S. in 2007.
- **Black MBA Magazine** put CSX on its "Top Companies for Black MBAs to Work" list in 2007.
- **Hispanic Business Magazine** included CSX in its "Diversity Elite 2007" directory of the 60 best companies in the country for promoting diversity and providing career opportunities for Hispanics.
- **U.S. Black Engineer and Information Technology** magazine recognized NS and UP as two of the companies most supportive of historically black engineering colleges and universities in its 2007 survey.