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Dear Mr. Clary,

The University of Wisconsin-Madison has an expanding program of continuing engineering education courses for engineers, managers, operators, contractors, and others. America needs education and training for the rail industry. There currently are no undergraduate Degree programs focused on the rail industry and their professionals.

We have developed a dozen two-and-three day short courses to address these needs. For example:
FUNDAMENTALS OF RAIL FREIGHT TERMINALS, YARDS, AND INTERMODAL FACILITIES
LIGHT RAIL~RAPID TRANSIT~COMMUTER RAIL: ENGINEERING FUNDAMENTALS
FREIGHT RAILROADS: BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES
FUNDAMENTALS OF RAILWAY TRAIN CONTROL AND SYSTEMS
RAILWAY TRACK DESIGN AND ENGINEERING

Our website at <http://epdweb.engr.wisc.edu/> gives more details on these and other railroad courses.

We understand the need throughout the United States for regional programs to improve our rail infrastructure and plan for the future. We support CREATE and state and federal funding programs to complete the projects needed for the coming years. Thank you.

Sincerely,

C. Allen Wortley

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