

Employment

- CREATE will sustain 17,000 jobs in Northeastern Illinois through 2020, according to the Regional Economics Applications Laboratory at the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign.
- Freight and passenger railroads employ 18,192 people in Illinois.
 - Railroad wages are highly competitive, averaging \$98,500 plus benefits.
 - 47 percent of CREATE railroad partners' employees in Northeastern Illinois are people of color.
- In 2010 and 2011, CREATE partners participated in nine employment opportunity events to reach contractors interested in working on CREATE projects.

Railroads Receive Recognition: Diversity and Veteran Employment

- BNSF Railway Co., CSX Corp. and Norfolk Southern Corp. were on **CivilianJobs.com's** 2012 list of the "Most Valuable Employers for Military®".
- **Black Enterprise** magazine recognized NS on the annual list of the "40 Best companies for Diversity," in 2010 and 2011.
- **Diversity Careers in Engineering and Information Technology** magazine named UP a "Best Diversity Company" in 2009, 2010 and 2011.
- **Hispanic Business Magazine** included CSX in its "Diversity Elite 2009" directory of the 60 best companies in the country for promoting diversity and providing career opportunities for Hispanics.
- **Latina Style** Magazine listed BNSF among the 2010 list of 50 best U.S. employers for Hispanics.
- **G.I. Jobs** recognized BNSF, UP, CSX, NS, and CN as five of the 100 top employers for veterans in the U.S. in 2010 and 2011.

