

**Attachment A – Partner Documentation**

State of Illinois

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**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**  
**Between City of Chicago, Cook County, DuPage County, and State of Illinois**  
**Concerning participation in the National Disaster Resilience Competition**

This MOU describes the expectations and intentions of each eligible applicant (City of Chicago, Cook County, DuPage County, and State of Illinois) for purposes of applications to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the National Disaster Resilience Competition. The applicants are voluntary participants in this MOU, and each applicant may withdraw or reduce its level of involvement at its discretion. This MOU is non-binding and creates no legal rights or duties on the part of the signatories hereto.

1. Coordination

- The applicants recognize that coordinated proposals will have a greater positive impact on regional resilience than proposals that are entirely independent.
- The applicants agree to regularly meet and coordinate their work on their applications.
- The applicants agree to fully share information and communicate to help strengthen the proposals of the other eligible applicants, to the extent allowed by applicable law.
- The applicants agree to participate actively, include appropriate staff in meetings and other communications, be responsive to one another, and seriously consider input and suggestions from other participants.

2. Application concept

- Each applicant will be responsible for submitting its own application to HUD to respond to the National Disaster Resilience Competition. However, an eligible applicant may choose to be a Partner only, and may choose to not complete an individual submittal.
- Each applicant will be listed as a Partner in the applications of the other applicants.
- Applications will all contain similar language concerning shared regional activities that create an overall regional resilience framework.

3. Shared principles

- The applicants agree that the following principles will guide their applications. The proposals should:
  - Feature solutions that deliver multiple benefits – including flood reduction, but also including economic development, access to open space, overall quality of life, and others.
  - Include solutions that are cost-effective, realistic, and implementable, recognizing the time limitations on the use of HUD funding.
  - Be data driven, based on the best current understanding of infrastructure and population needs and the expected impacts of climate change.
  - Focus on vulnerable populations, in terms of where the target geographies are chosen, how outreach is conducted, and how solutions are identified.
  - Include a robust outreach and engagement process that actively seeks the input of affected residents, businesses, institutions, and local leaders during

all phases of the project. Include organizations that represent vulnerable populations as part of the planning process.

- Include innovative solutions in terms of design, technology, process, and other areas.
- Include a broad range of partners beyond the applicants, including other public agencies, civic organizations, philanthropic organizations, and the design professions, among others. Build on existing collaborative efforts to the extent possible.
- Create lasting benefits beyond the timeline of the HUD grants. Specify institutional and policy changes, as well as other capital investments, that will not be funded by HUD but that will be included as leveraged resources.
- The applicants recognize that additional shared principles may be determined during the course of proposal development, and this MOU does not limit other principles or concepts from being included within the proposals.

#### 4. Regional resilience

- The applicants will participate actively in discussions of what constitutes a regional resilience framework.
- The applicants recognize that other groups – CMAP, nonprofit groups, civic organizations, private firms, and others – will be involved in the development of concepts and language addressing the regional resilience framework.
- The applicants recognize that shared language concerning regional resilience will be developed, and each applicant may use and modify this language as necessary for inclusion in their specific application.
- The applicants commit to coordinate on regional resilience activities even beyond the timeframe of the HUD proposal, recognizing that long-term commitments to resilience are necessary.

#### 5. Data

- Each applicant will be individually responsible for identifying the most impacted and most distressed areas to focus on, as well as determining unmet need.
- The applicants agree to share data sources, analytical methods, and similar information that the other applicants would find useful and that the applicants are authorized to share.

#### 6. Outreach

- The applicants will participate in the development of shared standards and materials for outreach, including meeting agendas, language describing the meetings, and similar items.
- Each applicant will be individually responsible for conducting outreach within its own jurisdiction.
- Each applicant will conduct a robust public outreach and engagement process, both during phase 1 and phase 2 (if applicable) of the application.

#### 7. Procurement

- Each applicant will be responsible for conducting any procurements necessary to bring in consulting firms to assist with application preparation, using their own internal processes.
- If appropriate, the applicants will coordinate on language within RFPs with the other applicants before they are released.
- If a joint procurement that involves multiple applicants becomes necessary, it will be covered through a separate and more detailed MOU or Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the applicants.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, MISSOURI  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
DATE: 10/10/11  
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Signatures:

City of Chicago

  
(Signature)

January 22, 2015  
(Date)

Kara Weigart Chief Sustainability Officer  
(Printed name and title)

Cook County

  
(Signature)

January 21, 2015  
(Date)

Herman Brewer, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Economic Development  
(Printed name and title)

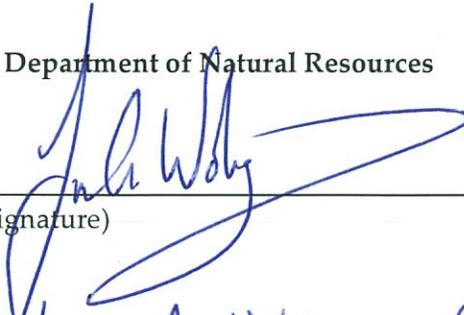
DuPage County

  
(Signature)

1-20-2015  
(Date)

ANTHONY J. CHARLTON, DIRECTOR OF STORMWATER MGT.  
(Printed name and title)

Illinois Department of Natural Resources

  
(Signature)

2/18/15  
(Date)

Loren A. Wobig Acting Director IDNR office of Water Resources  
(Printed name and title)

**APPROVED FOR EXECUTION**

Date: 2-17-15

Legal Counsel: Robert G. Mool



## Southern Five Regional Planning District and Development Commission

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March 6, 2015

Loren A. Wobig, P.E., CFM  
Acting Director, Office of Water Resources  
Regulatory Programs  
IL Department of Natural Resources  
One Natural Resources Way  
Springfield, IL 62702-1271

RE: Intent to Participate

Dear Loren:

This letter is to confirm the mutual intent of Southern Five Regional Planning District & Development Commission, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to collaborate and enter into a partner agreement, contingent upon the award of funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition, to carry out eligible activities as provided in the State of Illinois' CDBG-NDR application.

Southern Five Regional Planning District & Development Commission has been working with competitive CDGB grants in the State of Illinois since the inception of the State's program more than 30 years ago. During Southern Five's time as a regional planning organization (since 1976), Southern Five has maintained grants and programs on behalf of the State and numerous regional partners. Southern Five works daily with federally funded programs. Tasks include: grant fund management; project management; federal compliance oversight, and procurement.

Southern Five has worked closely with regional partners as well as IEMA and FEMA to develop Hazard Mitigation Plans for each of the counties located within its Region as well as providing oversight and administration for the Alexander County Flood Buyout Program. This Buyout Program began in 2013 as a result of the 2011 flooding in Alexander County. At present there are 176 structures listed as eligible for buyout with approximately 15 completed and closed.

It is understood that this letter is only an expression of our intent and a binding partner agreement detailing the terms and conditions of the proposed partnership must be executed before the use of any CDBG-NDR funds, if awarded.

If you have any questions or need further information please do not hesitate to contact Lisa D. Thurston, at Southern Five Regional Planning District & Development Commission (618-845-9000 or [lthurston@southernfive.org](mailto:lthurston@southernfive.org)).

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa D. Thurston". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Lisa D. Thurston  
Executive Director

# North Central Illinois Council of Governments

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February 25, 2015

Loren A. Wobig, P.E., CFM  
Acting Director, Office of Water Resources  
Regulatory Programs  
IL Department of Natural Resources  
One Natural Resources Way  
Springfield, IL 62702-1271

Re: Intent to Participate

Dear Loren:

This letter is to confirm the mutual intent of the North Central Illinois Council of Governments, representing the Illinois Valley Resilience Alliance, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to collaborate and enter into a partner agreement, contingent upon the award of funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition, to carry out eligible activities as provided in the State of Illinois CDBG-NDR application.

North Central Illinois Council of Governments (NCICG) has been working with competitive CDBG grants in the state of Illinois since the inception of the State's program more than 30 years ago. Throughout the relationship, NCICG has maintained grants and programs on behalf of the State and numerous regional partners. NCICG works daily with federally funded programs. Tasks include: grant fund management; project management; federal compliance oversight including - equal employment opportunity, fair housing, labor standards, drug-free workplace, transparency, sexual harassment, reporting, accessibility, audits, contract execution and oversight, compliance with NEPA and procurement.

NCICG developed and administered two (2) large-scale elderly housing projects with local non-profits via the US Department of Housing and Urban Development program "Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly." Completed project development, grant application, due diligence, firm commitment, initial closing, construction, startup and final closing. NCICG assisted the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity during the creation and roll out of the Hurricane IKE CDBG program and is a regular contributor to the State's Consolidated Plan.

NCICG will act as a sub-recipient of funds from the statewide CDBG-NDR program. A similar model was developed for the statewide Energy Efficiency Block Grant Program operated by DCEO using funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. NCICG disseminated the program; educated local leaders; provided necessary staff assistance; received grant applications; reviewed applications (via a review committee); submitted recommended projects to DCEO; managed the funds, administered all compliance components, and complete reporting requirements. The distributed allocation was approximately \$1 million.

It is understood that this letter is only an expression of our intent and a binding partner agreement detailing the terms and conditions of the proposed partnership must be executed before the use of any CDBG-NDR funds, if awarded.

If you have any questions or need further information please do not hesitate to contact Nora Fesco, at the North Central IL Council of Governments (815-433-5830 or [norafb@ncicg.org](mailto:norafb@ncicg.org)).

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Nora Fesco  
Executive Director



March 6, 2015

Wes Cattoor  
Water Supply Engineer  
IDNR-Water Resources  
One Natural Resources Way, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62702-1271

Re: Intent to Participate

Dear Mr. Cattoor,

This letter is to confirm the mutual intent of both the Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission and the Illinois Department Of Natural Resources to collaborate and enter into a partner agreement, contingent upon the award of funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition, to carry out eligible activities as provided in the Greater Egypt's CDBG-NDR application.

Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission (Greater Egypt) has been serving southern Illinois since 1961. As a regional, governmental, entity created by our member counties to create and implement plans that result in the coordinated, adjusted, and harmonious development of our five county region, we have extensive experience working with the public, local agencies, all levels of government, as well as engineers and contractors. We have built a reputation for successfully developing and implementing regional projects such as creating a regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, Watershed Management Plans, and Multi-Hazard Mitigation plans. Nearly all of our projects require coordination with local, state, and federal agencies for planning and implementation.

Currently, we are administering over \$11 million dollars in grant funds awarded through the Illinois Emergency Management Agency for two infrastructure projects and one large floodplain property acquisition project. We are also administering three federally funded infrastructure grants that received nearly \$6.5 million in grant funds through the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

Greater Egypt will act as a sub-recipient of funds from the statewide CDBG-NDR program. It is understood that this letter is only an expression of our intent and a binding partner agreement detailing the terms and conditions of the proposed partnership must be executed before the use of any CDBG-NDR funds, if awarded.

Sincerely,

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Cary Minnis  
Executive Director



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March 6, 2015

Cary Minnis  
Greater Egypt Regional Planning & Development Commission  
3000 West DeYoung Street  
Suite 800 B-3  
Marion IL 62959

Re: Intent to Participate

Dear Mr. Minnis,

This letter is to confirm the mutual intent of both the Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission and the City of Carbondale to collaborate and enter into a partner agreement, contingent upon the award of funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition, to carry out eligible activities as provided in the Greater Egypt's CDBG-NDR application.

The City of Carbondale is committed to constructing and maintaining resilient infrastructure. The City of Carbondale has been implemented and maintained many prior drainage and street projects. Recent projects include the annual sidewalk repair/ replacement program which includes the installation of 2,700 feet of new concrete. 135 miles of streets have also been maintained by repairs, striping, and snow plowing.

To be better prepared for future disasters, the City of Carbondale plans to address a major drainage problem that impacts the community and major roadways. Piles Fork Creek, which runs through town, lacks the capacity to remove storm water from the City. Modifications to the creek need to be made to increase its capacity.

The City of Carbondale will act as a sub-recipient of funds from the statewide CDBG-NDR program. It is understood that this letter is only an expression of our intent and a binding partner agreement detailing the terms and conditions of the proposed partnership must be executed before the use of any CDBG-NDR funds, if awarded.

Sincerely,

Kevin Baity  
City Manager

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217 EAST MAIN STREET  
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**BRAD LAM, HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER  
CARBONDALE TOWNSHIP  
CARBONDALE, IL 62901**

TOWNSHIP GARAGE  
1001 N. MICHAELS STREET  
529-2959



March 6, 2015

Re: Intent to Participate

Dear Mr. Minnis,

This letter is to confirm the mutual intent of both the Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission and the Carbondale Township to collaborate and enter into a partner agreement, contingent upon the award of funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition, to carry out eligible activities as provided in the Greater Egypt's CDBG-NDR application.

The Carbondale Township is committed to constructing and maintaining resilient infrastructure. Our major resiliency efforts include road elevation projects.

Maintaining access from State Route 51 to the Southern Illinois Airport is a major priority. Airport Road provides access to the Airport from Route 51. This road was overtopped by floodwater in 2011, and remained impassible for 10 days. The bypass adds seven miles through congested areas of Carbondale which can easily add 15 minutes travel time in a response. This is a critical factor since the Airport is home to a National Guard facility and the storage location for southern Illinois's POD Hospital equipment. In the event of future flooding, ensuring access to the airport from Route 51 through the elevation of Airport Road is of great importance.

The Carbondale Township will enter into a partnership agreement with Greater Egypt to implement the project to elevate Airport Road using funds from the statewide CDBG-NDR program. It is understood that this letter is only an expression of our intent and a binding partner agreement detailing the terms and conditions of the proposed partnership must be executed before the use of any CDBG-NDR funds, if awarded.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Lam".

Brad Lam  
Carbondale Township Highway

March 6, 2015

Re: Intent to Participate

Dear Mr. Minnis,

This letter is to confirm the mutual intent of both the Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission and the De Soto Township to collaborate and enter into a partner agreement, contingent upon the award of funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition, to carry out eligible activities as provided in the Greater Egypt's CDBG-NDR application.

The De Soto Township is committed to constructing and maintaining resilient infrastructure. Major resiliency efforts include projects in road elevation.

Maintaining access from State Route 51 to the Southern Illinois Airport is a major priority. Fox Farm Road provides access to the Airport from Route 51. This road was overtopped by floodwater in 2011, and remained impassible for 10 days. The bypass adds seven miles through congested areas of Carbondale which can easily add 15 minutes travel time in a response. This is a critical factor since the Airport is home to a National Guard facility and the storage location for southern Illinois's POD Hospital equipment. In the event of future flooding, ensuring access to the airport from Route 51 through the elevation of Fox Farm Road is of great importance.

The De Soto Township will enter into a partnership agreement with Greater Egypt to implement the project to elevate Fox Farm Road using funds from the statewide CDBG-NDR program. It is understood that this letter is only an expression of our intent and a binding partner agreement detailing the terms and conditions of the proposed partnership must be executed before the use of any CDBG-NDR funds, if awarded.

Sincerely,



Fred Alstat  
Highway Commissioner  
De Soto Township



# JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

*Promoting Health, Preventing Illness, Protecting our Environment, and Preparing for Emergencies*

March 6, 2015

Re: Intent to Participate

Dear Mr. Minnis,

This letter is to confirm the mutual intent of both the Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission and the Jackson County Health Department to collaborate and enter into a sub-contract agreement, contingent upon the award of funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition, to carry out eligible activities as provided in the Greater Egypt's CDBG-NDR application.

The Jackson County Health Department has been serving the residents of Jackson County Illinois since 1950. The services are focused on: promoting health, preventing illness, protecting our environment, and preparing for emergencies. The Jackson County Health Department is committed to improving the health of the community through direct efforts, and collaborating with other community partners.

One of the programs the Jackson County Health Department leads is the Disaster Risk Reduction Committee. The goal of this group is to plan, and implement ideas of community resiliency to hazards. The Health Department is committed to utilizing funds from HUD to address community resilience through activities such as collaborating with community partners to undertake projects such as improving facilities designated as emergency shelters to ensure they are ADA-compliant and supported with emergency generators, reviewing County and City land use, zoning, and building code regulations to identify deficiencies and recommend improvements, developing an advanced system for distributing public information and warning messages related to floods and other disasters, enhancing plans to provide services to functional and access needs populations, educating local government and business leaders about disaster risk reduction, with a focus on climate change, its potential impacts on the community and economy, and how to mitigate and adapt to it.

The Jackson County Health Department will act as a sub-contractor of Greater Egypt to utilize funds from the statewide CDBG-NDR program to implement community resiliency strategies. It is understood that this letter is only an expression of our intent and a binding partner agreement detailing the terms and conditions of the proposed partnership must be executed before the use of any CDBG-NDR funds, if awarded.

Sincerely,

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Miriam Link-Mullison

Administrator

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MARION, ILLINOIS 62959

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March 6, 2015

Subject: Meridian Road  
Intent to Collaborate

Greater Egypt Regional Planning Commission  
3000 West DeYoung Street  
Marion, IL 62959  
Attention: Mr. Cary Minnis

Dear Mr. Minnis,

This letter is to confirm the mutual intent of both the Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission and the Williamson County Highway Department to collaborate, contingent upon the award of funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition, to pursue eligible activities as provided in the Greater Egypt's CDBG-NDR application.

The Williamson County Highway Department is committed to constructing and maintaining resilient infrastructure. In particular, Meridian Road, which is on the Williamson and Jackson County line.

Walker's Bluff is a major tourism development in Jackson County which only has access from one local roadway, Meridian Road. During the flood in 2011, this roadway was overtopped by up to 15 feet of floodwater for six weeks. During this time the business was closed putting a financial strain on the business and its employees. Some repairs have been made to the roadway to ensure that it is safe, but the roadway was not elevated above the flood level which leaves the businesses and roadway at great risk during the next flood. The elevation of Meridian Road will increase resiliency in the event of future floods.

The Williamson County Highway Department will collaborate with Greater Egypt to develop toward implementation the project to elevate Meridian Road using funds from the statewide CDBG-NDR program. It is understood that this letter is only an expression of our intent and a binding agreement detailing the terms and conditions must be executed before the use of any CDBG-NDR funds, if awarded.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Greg Smothers".

Greg Smothers  
Williamson County Engineer

City Commissioners  
Wayne A. Eichelkraut, Jr.  
Accounts & Finance

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# CITY OF OTTAWA

**ROBERT M. ESCHBACH**  
**MAYOR**

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Loren A. Wobig, P.E., CFM  
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One Natural Resources Way  
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Re: Intent to Participate

Dear Mr. Wobig:

This letter is to confirm the mutual intent of the City of Ottawa an active participant in the Illinois Valley Resilience Alliance, Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), and North Central Illinois Council of Governments (NCICG) to collaborate and enter into a partner agreement, contingent upon the award of funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition, to carry out eligible activities as provided in the State of Illinois CDBG-NDR application.

The City of Ottawa sits at the confluence of the two largest inland rivers in Illinois. For the past 20 years the City has aggressively pursued programed mitigation activities throughout the Special Flood Hazard Area. More than 80 buildings, including a critical facility (Central School) have been removed from the floodplain and deed restricted to open space in perpetuity.

The City of Ottawa has worked with IDNR, Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA), and FEMA as the recipient of CDBG, and IKE disaster recovery funds. The City provides oversight, administration and engineering for all mitigation projects.

It is understood that this letter is only an expression of our intent and a binding partner agreement detailing the terms and conditions of the proposed partnership must be executed before the use of any CDBG-NDR funds, if awarded.

Robert M. Eschbach  
Mayor, City of Ottawa

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March 25, 2015

Loren a. Wobig, P.E., CFM  
Acting Director, Office of Water Resources  
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IL Department of Natural Resources  
One Natural Resources Way  
Springfield, IL 62702-1271

RE: Intent to Participate

Dear Mr. Wobig:

This letter is to confirm the mutual intent of the City of Marseilles and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to collaborate and enter into a partner agreement, contingent upon the award of funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition, to carry out eligible activities as provided in the State of Illinois CDBG-NDR application.

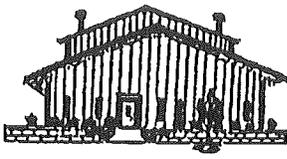
It is understood that this letter is only an expression of our intent and a binding partner agreement detailing the terms and conditions of the proposed partnership must be executed before the use of the CDBG-NDR funds, if awarded.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 815-795-2133 or [marseillesmayor22@mtco.com](mailto:marseillesmayor22@mtco.com).

Sincerely,



Patti Smith  
Mayor



Village of Roanoke  
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March 3, 2015

Mr. Loren Wobig, P.E.  
Acting Director  
Office of Water Resources  
Illinois Department of Natural Resources  
One Natural Resources Way, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62702-1271

Re: Intent to Participate

Dear Mr. Wobig:

This letter is to confirm the mutual intent of both the Village of Roanoke and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to collaborate and enter into a partner agreement, contingent upon the award of funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition, to carry out eligible activities as provided in the State of Illinois CDBG-NDR application.

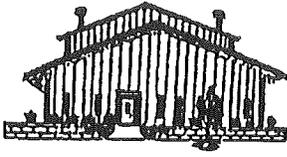
The Village of Roanoke is a municipality located in Woodford County. The Village sustained significant damage to residences, businesses, and government buildings as a result of flooding in April 2013. While some repairs were made, the repairs did not increase resiliency to future flooding, and the Village remains vulnerable to flood damage in the future.

The Village will act as a subrecipient of funds from the State of Illinois CDBG-NDR program. The Village will use the funds to complete activities that will make Roanoke more resilient to flood damage in the future.

It is understood that this letter is only an expression of our intent and a binding partner agreement detailing the terms and conditions of the proposed partnership must be executed before the use of any CDBG-NDR funds, if awarded.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Jennifer Crumrine, Roanoke Village Clerk, at 309-923-3661 or [Roanoke@mchsi.com](mailto:Roanoke@mchsi.com).

Thank you for your consideration of this request.



Village of Roanoke  
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Sincerely,

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Jennifer Crumrine  
Village Clerk



## WOODFORD COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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Kent McCanless – Director

Michael Oltman-Deputy Director

March 25, 2015

Mr. Loren Wobig, P.E.  
Acting Director  
Office of Water Resources  
Illinois Department of Natural Resources  
One Natural Resources Way, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62702-1271

Dear Mr. Wobig:

I am writing this letter to pledge the support of Woodford County Emergency Management Agency for the Village of Roanoke's application in partnership with the State of Illinois for the HUD National Disaster Resilience Competition. The Village of Roanoke suffered substantial damage as a result of flooding that occurred in April 2013. New approaches are needed to make the Village resilient to future flood disasters, and Woodford County Emergency Management Agency will be a dedicated partner with the Village of Roanoke in achieving resilience. We assisted the Village with clean-up and repair after the 2013 flood event, and we will assist the Village in becoming resilient to future flood disasters.

Thank you for this opportunity, and thank you for strengthening the quality of life in the Village of Roanoke through supporting disaster resiliency efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kent McCanless".

Kent McCanless  
Director

**ROANOKE TOWNSHIP**  
**Scott Holliger, Road Commissioner**  
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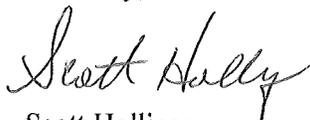
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Acting Director  
Office of Water Resources  
Illinois Department of Natural Resources  
One Natural Resources Way, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62702-1271

Dear Mr. Wobig:

I am writing this letter to pledge the support of Roanoke Township for the Village of Roanoke's application in partnership with the State of Illinois for the HUD National Disaster Resilience Competition. The Village of Roanoke suffered substantial damage as a result of flooding that occurred in April 2013. New approaches are needed to make the Village resilient to future flood disasters, and Roanoke Township will be a dedicated partner with the Village of Roanoke in achieving resilience. We assisted the Village with clean-up and repair after the 2013 flood event, and we will assist the Village in becoming resilient to future flood disasters.

Thank you for this opportunity, and thank you for strengthening the quality of life in the Village of Roanoke through supporting disaster resiliency efforts.

Sincerely,



Scott Holliger  
Road Commissioner

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Patricia S. Brown, *City Clerk*

Ellen L. Dingledine, *City Treasurer*

Timothy A. Gleason, *City Administrator*  
March 6, 2015



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Tyler J. Gee, *Ward II*  
Brian H. Butler, *Ward III*  
David Dingledine, *Ward III*  
James L. Gee, *Ward IV*  
Richard E. Schneider, *Ward IV*

Mr. Loren Wobig, P.E.  
Acting Director  
Office of Water Resources  
Illinois Department of Natural Resources  
One Natural Resources Way, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62702-1271

Re: Intent to Participate

Dear Mr. Wobig:

This letter is to confirm the mutual intent of both the City of Washington and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to collaborate and enter into a partner agreement, contingent upon the award of funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition, to carry out eligible activities as provided in the State of Illinois CDBG-NDR application.

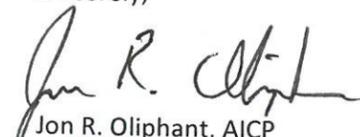
The City of Washington is a municipality located in Tazewell County. The City sustained significant damage to residences, businesses, and government buildings as a result of a tornado on November 17, 2013. Some rebuilding has taken place but considerable work remains to return the impacted areas to their pre-tornado conditions. Furthermore, the Washington Estates subdivision and areas upstream and downstream from a tributary crossing through remain vulnerable to flood damage in the future.

The City will act as a subrecipient of funds from the State of Illinois CDBG-NDR program. The City will use the funds to complete activities that will make Washington more resilient to flood damage in the future.

It is understood that this letter is only an expression of our intent and a binding partner agreement detailing the terms and conditions of the proposed partnership must be executed before the use of any CDBG-NDR funds, if awarded.

If you have any questions or would like further additional information, please contact me at 309-444-1135 or [joliphant@ci.washington.il.us](mailto:joliphant@ci.washington.il.us). Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Jon R. Oliphant, AICP  
Planning & Development Director

# TAZEWELL COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

21304 Illinois Route 9  
Tremont, IL. 61568



Phone: 309-925-2271  
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March 24, 2015

Mr. Loren Wobig, P.E.  
Acting Director  
Office of Water Resources  
Illinois Department of Natural Resources  
One Natural Resources Way, 2nd Floor  
Springfield, IL 62702-1271

Dear Mr. Wobig:

I am writing this letter to pledge the support of Tazewell County Emergency Management Agency (TC EMA) for the City of Washington's application in partnership with the State of Illinois for the HUD National Disaster Resilience Competition. The City of Washington suffered substantial damage as a result of an EF-4 tornado that occurred in November 2013. New approaches are needed to make the city resilient to future flood disasters, and TC EMA will be a dedicated partner with the City of Washington in achieving resilience. This assistance will help make the Washington Estates subdivision more resilient to any possible future flooding disasters.

Thank you for this opportunity, and thank you for strengthening the quality of life in the City of Washington through supporting disaster resiliency efforts.

Sincerely,

Dawn Cook  
Director



# Illinois Department of Transportation

Division of Highways / Region 3 / District 4  
401 Main Street / Peoria, Illinois / 61602-1111  
Telephone 309/671-3333

March 24, 2015

Honorable Gary Manier  
Mayor  
301 Walnut Street  
Washington, Illinois 61571

Dear Mayor Manier:

RE: National Disaster Resilience Competition (NDRC) HUD Grant

The Illinois Department of Transportation is supportive of Washington's efforts to improve storm water management in the area of Washington Estates Subdivision. The department has worked with the city in the past on flooding issues and will continue to work with you in your efforts to reduce the likelihood of flooding and its resulting impact to the highway system during future events.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kensil A. Garnett".

Kensil A. Garnett, P.E.  
Deputy Director of Highways,  
Region Three Engineer

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cc: File



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Re: Intent to Participate

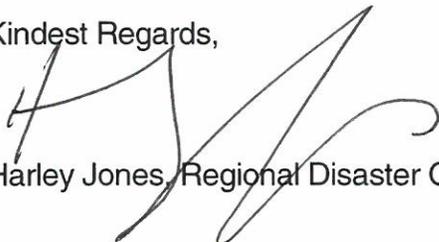
This letter is to confirm the mutual intent of American Red Cross and the members of the Northeastern Illinois Resilience Partnership (which includes the City of Chicago, Cook County, DuPage County, and the State of Illinois) to collaborate and enter into a partner agreement to carry out eligible activities as provided in each applicant's CDBG-NDR application. The American Red Cross intends to participate in the Partnership regardless of the award of funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition.

Founded in 1881, the American Red Cross is the nation's premier emergency response organization. As part of a worldwide movement that offers neutral and impartial humanitarian care, the American Red Cross is the community-based organization that mobilizes people to aid victims of disasters with the aim of preventing and relieving suffering. The Red Cross provides disaster services without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, age, disability, sexual orientation, citizenship or veteran status. It follows the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. The Red Cross is closely integrated into community response efforts, including the efforts of federal, state and local government and non-government organizations. Our goal is to work with all partners to lead a well-integrated, effective and efficient response to every disaster.

The American Red Cross will support the Northeastern Illinois Resilience Partnership through multiple avenues, including but not limited to, providing preparedness education to community members and organizations, mobilizing the community through multiple NGO, private, and public sector partnerships.

It is understood that this letter is only an expression of our intent and not a binding partner agreement. Detailing the terms and conditions of the proposed partnership must be executed before the use of any CDBG-NDR funds, if awarded.

Kindest Regards,

  
Harley Jones, Regional Disaster Officer





**American Planning Association**

*Making Great Communities Happen*

March 12, 2015

Bob Dean, Deputy Executive Director for Local Planning  
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning  
233 S. Wacker Dr., Suite 800  
Chicago, IL 60606

Re: Northeastern Illinois Resilience Partnership CDBG-NDR Application

Dear Mr. Dean:

The American Planning Association (APA) is pleased to provide this letter of support for the Northeastern Illinois Resilience Partnership's application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) National Disaster Resilience Competition. Through 20 divisions and 47 chapters, APA brings together approximately 38,000 members, including practicing planners, citizens, and elected officials. APA's membership is committed to making great communities happen, and APA seeks to facilitate this overarching goal through research, events, education, outreach, and by providing a variety of resources.

Resilience planning is a key topic for APA's research, education, and outreach programs and the focus of the Hazards Planning National Center, which is housed in our Chicago office. Regardless of the award of CDBG-NDR funds by HUD, we intend to support the Partnership's resilience efforts by helping to develop and publicize training opportunities for our members and allied professionals. By doing so we will advance the concept of resilience across the planning profession and the communities that planners serve.

Sincerely,

David Rouse, AICP, ASLA  
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March 20, 2015

Re: Intent to Participate

This letter is to confirm the mutual intent of both the members of the Northeastern Illinois Resilience Partnership (“NIRP”) (which includes the City of Chicago, Cook County, DuPage County, and the State of Illinois) and UChicago Argonne, LLC (“Argonne” or “Participant”) to enter into an appropriate collaboration arrangement, contingent upon the award of funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition, to carry out eligible activities as provided in NIRP’s CDBG-NDR application.

Argonne operates the Argonne National Laboratory for the U.S. Department of Energy under the Federal Acquisition Regulation Subpart 17.6 and the DOE Acquisition Regulation Part 970, and under DOE Prime Contract No. DE-AC02-06CH11357. Argonne is a pre-eminent multidisciplinary science and engineering research center with over 1,400 scientists and extensive expertise in the areas of climate, hydrology and sensors all of which are potentially relevant to NIRP goals.

Argonne’s role would be in the areas of planning and design, and is expected to include participation in the following types of activities:

- Engage in meetings and work groups to explore how its work can advance regional resilience.
- Developing a community-specific water assessment and planning tool.
- Designing a geospatial portal that would improve access to precipitation and stormwater system monitoring data.
- Downscaling climate predictions for the Chicago region.
- Analyzing historic significant rainfall events.
- Developing sensor technology relevant to flooding monitoring

It is understood that this is letter is a non-binding expression of Argonne’s intent to participate, subject to the following. It is not intended nor shall it give rise to any binding rights, obligations or liabilities of any kind, and may not be relied upon as such. Any arrangement purporting to impose any obligations or liabilities on Argonne must first be embodied in an appropriate written agreement executed by Argonne that complies with the DOE Prime Contract and its policies and regulations, before the use of any CDBG-NDR funds, if awarded.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robin Lambert Graham".

Robin Lambert Graham

## **Appendix C Partner Letter**

Chicago Area Fair Housing Alliance  
1041 South Boulevard  
Oak Park, IL 60302

Re: Intent to Participate

This letter is to confirm the mutual intent of the Chicago Area Fair Housing Alliance (CAFHA) and the members of the Northeastern Illinois Resilience Partnership (which includes the City of Chicago, Cook County, DuPage County, and the State of Illinois), to collaborate and enter into a partner agreement to carry out eligible activities as provided in each applicant's CDBG-NDR application. CAFHA intends to participate in the Partnership regardless of the award of funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition.

CAFHA is a consortium of fair housing and advocacy organizations, government agencies, and municipalities committed to the value of fair housing, diversity, and integration. As a member of the Partnership, CAFHA will participate in meetings and working groups to explore how its work can advance regional resilience. In particular, CAFHA will help ensure that the resilience approaches advanced by the Partnership will further fair housing goals in the region and will fully involve vulnerable populations in the identification of needs and development of solutions.

It is understood that this letter is only an expression of our intent and a binding partner agreement detailing the terms and conditions of the proposed partnership must be executed before the use of any CDBG-NDR funds, if awarded.

Sincerely,

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J. Robert Breymaier, President

## Appendix C

### Partner Letter



8 S. Michigan Ave., Suite 900  
Chicago, IL 60603

Re: Intent to Participate

This letter is to confirm the mutual intent of Chicago Wilderness and the members of the Northeastern Illinois Resilience Partnership (which includes the City of Chicago, Cook County, DuPage County, and the State of Illinois) to collaborate and enter into a partner agreement to carry out eligible activities as provided in each applicant's CDBG-NDR application. Chicago Wilderness intends to participate in the Partnership regardless of the award of funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition.

Chicago Wilderness is a regional conservation alliance of 330 public and private organizations in SE Wisconsin, NE Illinois, NW Indiana, and SW Michigan working to protect, improve and expand our natural resources. Over the next five years, Chicago Wilderness will lead six critical areas of focus for the region: 1) Oak Ecosystems: Ensuring a Future for Oaks and Their Ecosystems, 2) Species of Conservation Concern: Sustaining our Region's Critical Species, 3) Water as a Resource: Addressing Regional Water Issues Through Conservation Action, 4) Landowners: Engaging Landowners in Conservation Actions, 5) Public Engagement: Building & Sustaining a Broad, Representative, and Active Constituency, and 6) Member Tools: Applying Technology & Data to Accelerate Collaboration.

Chicago Wilderness will be a primary vehicle for the Partnership to reach and coordinate with conservation stakeholders, including natural resource managers, environmental educators, researchers, land trusts, and other practitioners across the region. As part of the alliance's current strategic review process, climate change has been identified as a cross-cutting consideration for all six of its focus areas. We anticipate participating in Partnership meetings and working with Chicago Wilderness members and partners to integrate climate resilience into the work plans for these six areas.

It is understood that this letter is only an expression of our intent and a binding partner agreement detailing the terms and conditions of the proposed partnership must be executed before the use of any CDBG-NDR funds, if awarded.

Chicago Wilderness  
Suzanne Malec-McKenna, Executive Director

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**Appendix C**  
**Partner Letter**

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning  
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800  
Chicago, IL 60606

Re: Intent to Participate

This letter is to confirm the mutual intent of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and the members of the Northeastern Illinois Resilience Partnership (which includes the City of Chicago, Cook County, DuPage County, and the State of Illinois) to collaborate and enter into a partner agreement to carry out eligible activities as provided in each applicant's CDBG-NDR application. CMAP intends to participate in the Partnership regardless of the outcome of the applications.

CMAP is the official regional planning organization for the seven northeastern Illinois counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will. The agency developed and now guides implementation of the GO TO 2040 comprehensive regional plan, which establishes coordinated strategies that help the region's 284 communities address transportation, housing, economic development, open space, the environment, and other quality-of-life issues. The regional plan is implemented through CMAP's Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program, which provides planning support to communities across the region.

CMAP's role in developing local plans, including comprehensive plans, zoning ordinance updates, capital improvement plans, and watershed plans, provides a natural platform for ensuring that local plans are updated according to latest climate and flooding information and aligned with regional resiliency goals. CMAP commits to incorporating climate considerations into the plans it develops through the LTA program by conducting climate vulnerability assessments of infrastructure and policies and developing recommendations that are based on latest downscaled climate projections and resiliency best practices.

It is understood that this is letter is only an expression of our intent and a binding partner agreement detailing the terms and conditions of the proposed partnership must be executed before the use of any CDBG-NDR funds, if awarded.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jill Leary".

Jill Leary  
Interim Executive Director

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March 12, 2014

Stanley Gimont  
Director, Office of Block Grant Assistance  
US Department of Housing and Urban Development  
451 7th Street S.W  
Washington, DC 20410

**Re: Intent to Participate with Cook County**

This letter is to confirm the mutual intent of both Cook County and the Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) to collaborate and enter into a partner agreement, contingent upon the award of funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) Competition, to carry out eligible activities as provided in Cook County's CDBG-NDR application.

CNT intends to participate in Cook County's efforts – and those of the Northeastern Illinois Resilience Partnership (which includes the City of Chicago, Cook County, DuPage County, the State of Illinois, and various other agencies, institutions, and organizations) to make communities in Northeastern Illinois better prepared for natural disasters and the future impacts of climate change. Our participation in the Partnership will continue regardless of the award of funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the CDBG-NDR competition.

As an award-winning innovations laboratory for urban sustainability, CNT is dedicated to taking on big challenges, starting in small places. CNT helps make neighborhoods, cities, and regions work better, for everyone. Our RainReady initiative (RainReady.org) is designed to:

- Offer flood prevention and mitigation services to communities and individuals most in need
- Attract a range of investment partners, including insurance companies, banks, and the real estate sector
- Stimulate consumer demand for improved, flood-resistant buildings
- Create useful, productive jobs for the low- and semi-skilled
- Enhance the resiliency of towns and cities in the face of climate change.

The RainReady initiative is already active in Cook County, where we are working with flood victims and communities to help them build resiliency and mitigate flooding.

We have helped several communities in Cook County establish Resident Action Groups, led community planning processes, retrofitted homes, managed large-scale grant programs, trained volunteers, carried out high visibility demonstration projects, undertaken workshops and training programs, given hundreds of talks to communities, and led the introduction of legislation on urban flooding.

As a member of the Partnership, CNT has provided substantive input and assistance on the development of the Phase 1 CDBG-NDR applications of the City of Chicago, Cook County, DuPage County and State of Illinois; established a workgroup on technological innovation on behalf of the partnership; and participated in all public outreach events hosted by the City of Chicago and Cook County.

We are very excited about Cook County's proposal, and look forward to our continuing engagement with the Partnership in a similar capacity for Phase 2 and beyond.

It is understood that this letter is only an expression of our intent and a binding partner agreement detailing the terms and conditions of the proposed partnership must be executed before the use of any CDBG-NDR funds, if awarded.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H Festing', written in a cursive style.

Harriet Festing, Director, Water Program  
Center for Neighborhood Technology  
2125 W North Ave, Chicago, IL 60647  
773.269.4042 (office) | [hfesting@cnt.org](mailto:hfesting@cnt.org)

## Appendix C Partner Letter

Delta Institute  
35 E. Wacker Drive, Suite 1200  
Chicago, IL 60601

### Re: Intent to Participate

This letter is to confirm the mutual intent of Delta Institute and the members of the Northeastern Illinois Resilience Partnership, which includes the City of Chicago, Cook County, DuPage County, and the State of Illinois, to enter into a partner agreement to carry out eligible activities as provided in each applicant's CDBG-NDR application. Delta Institute intends to participate in the Partnership regardless of the awarding of funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition.

Delta Institute is a Chicago-based nonprofit organization formed in 1998 that works to build both a resilient environment and economy through sustainable solutions. Delta works in partnership with business, government, and communities in the Great Lakes region to create and implement innovative, market-driven solutions that build environmental resilience, economic vitality, and healthy communities.

#### We do this by:

- Identifying strategic solutions that benefit the environment and the economy
- Convening diverse stakeholders for constructive dialogues
- Designing and implementing model programs that engage and educate

Over the last 16 years, Delta Institute has earned a reputation in both the public and private sectors as a trusted advisor and collaborator with technical expertise in the area of vacant land management and sustainable reuse strategies.

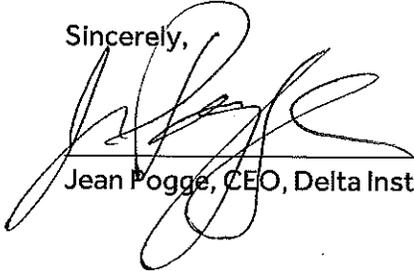
As a partner in this work, Delta Institute seeks to develop initiatives and measures to reduce the vulnerability of natural and human systems by exploring the following:

- Innovative financing mechanisms to support effective stormwater management for resource constrained communities; and
- Innovative land management strategies that leverage vacant lands to deliver multiple co-benefits to surrounding communities.

This proposed partnership will support Delta's strategic objective to catalyze ecosystem stewardship, and it builds on Delta's 16 years of experience working with diverse partners to support development that is environmentally, economically and socially sustainable.

It is understood that this letter is only an expression of our intent. A binding partner agreement detailing the terms and conditions of the proposed partnership must be executed before the use of any CDBG-NDR funds, if awarded.

Sincerely,



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Jean Pogge, CEO, Delta Institute



**Appendix C  
Partner Letter**

Enterprise Community Partners, Inc.  
Chicago Market Office  
230 W. Monroe Street, Suite 1250  
Chicago, IL 60606

Re: Intent to Participate

This letter is to confirm the mutual intent of Enterprise Community Partners, Inc. and the members of the Northeastern Illinois Resilience Partnership (which includes the City of Chicago, Cook County, DuPage County, and the State of Illinois), to collaborate and enter into a partner agreement to carry out eligible activities as provided in each applicant's CDBG-NDR application. Enterprise intends to participate in the Partnership regardless of the award of funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition.

Enterprise is a leading provider of capital and expertise for affordable housing in thriving communities, with expertise in affordable housing investment and development, innovative solutions, policy, and green initiatives. Since 1982, Enterprise has raised and invested nearly \$16 billion in equity, grants and loans to help build or preserve nearly 320,000 affordable rental and for-sale homes to create vital communities and more than half a million jobs nationwide. As a member of the Partnership, Enterprise will participate in meetings and working groups to explore how its work can advance regional resilience. In particular, Enterprise will bring its significant expertise in innovative financing to help address the financial sustainability of resilience efforts in the region. Already, Enterprise contributed to the Phase 1 proposal by convening a working group of finance experts to discuss this issue.

It is understood that this letter is only an expression of our intent and a binding partner agreement detailing the terms and conditions of the proposed partnership must be executed before the use of any CDBG-NDR funds, if awarded.

Enterprise Community Partners, Inc.

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Andrew E. Geer  
Vice President & Market Leader, Chicago



17 March 2015

Re: Intent to Participate

This letter is to confirm the mutual intent of Foresight Design Initiative and the members of the Northeastern Illinois Resilience Partnership (which includes the City of Chicago, Cook County, DuPage County, and the State of Illinois) to collaborate and enter into a partner agreement to carry out eligible activities as provided in each applicant's CDBG-NDR application. Foresight intends to participate in the Partnership regardless of the award of funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition.

Foresight Design Initiative is a Chicago-based non-profit dedicated to helping diverse partners understand complex sustainability challenges and identify holistic, resilient solutions. Foresight leverages systems thinking and design strategy in a holistic approach to problem solving that fosters collaboration and pushes innovation.

Foresight offers its systems analysis, strategy, and facilitation services to, among other things, assist the Partnership in building a strong foundation for long-lasting collaboration; collectively defining a vision for regional resilience, including goals and measures of success; and co-developing a strategy for sharing information, lessons learned, and successful approaches across the region.

It is understood that this letter is only an expression of our intent and a binding partner agreement detailing the terms and conditions of the proposed partnership must be executed before the use of any CDBG-NDR funds, if awarded.

Sincerely,

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Peter Nicholson  
Executive Director  
Foresight Design Initiative

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**Partner Letter**

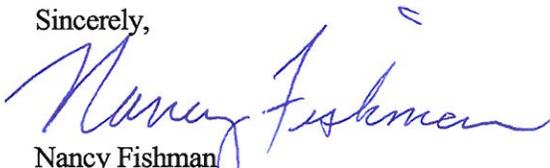
Re: Intent to Participate

This letter is to confirm the mutual intent of Grand Victoria Foundation and the members of the Northeastern Illinois Resilience Partnership (which includes the City of Chicago, Cook County, DuPage County, and the State of Illinois), to collaborate and enter into a partner agreement to carry out eligible activities as provided in each applicant's CDBG-NDR application. The Foundation intends to participate in the Partnership regardless of the award of funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition.

Grand Victoria Foundation invests its resources to make Illinois communities great places to live and work, with programs that strengthen early education opportunities for young children, protect natural lands and waterways, and promote economic vitality through robust employment development. The Foundation has already contributed to the Phase 1 application with a grant that allowed Foresight Design Group, an environmental nonprofit organization, to participate in the development of the application. Moving forward, the Foundation will take part in future regional discussions of resilience and will help to engage other funders in these discussions. Further grantmaking to support resilience efforts in the region is also possible. However, this letter is not a commitment of future funding.

It is understood that this letter is only an expression of our intent and a binding partner agreement detailing the terms and conditions of the proposed partnership must be executed before the use of any CDBG-NDR funds, if awarded.

Sincerely,



Nancy Fishman  
Executive Director, Grand Victoria Foundation



# IAFSM

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Floodplain and Stormwater Management

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March 23, 2015

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RE: Intent to Participate

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Sarah Harbaugh

The Illinois Association for Stormwater and Floodplain Management (IAFSM) is prepared to support and collaborate with the Northeastern Illinois Resiliency Partnership (including the city of Chicago, Cook County, Du Page County and the State of Illinois) to carry out eligible activities in each applicants NDRC grant application that aligns with the mission of IAFSM.

The IAFSM is a strong chapter of ASFPM with an active board and a membership of over 700 floodplain and stormwater managers. IAFSM is very experienced at coordinating annual state conferences with over 500 attendees and at conducting a multitude of other professional seminars, symposiums, and workshops. IAFSM membership has a long history of members in local, state and federal agencies that will support identification of key stakeholders.

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS:**

**CONFERENCE**

Glenn Heistand, P.E., CFM

It is understood that this Intent to Participate is only an expression of IAFSM's intent and is not a binding partnership agreement. Details of any education or outreach activity through IAFSM would be determined with each partner in the Northeastern Illinois Resiliency Partnership on a case by case basis

**NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS**

Mark Hoskins, P.E., CFM

**AWARDS**

Sarah Hunn, P.E., CFM

**CERTIFICATION**

Matt Wahl, CFM

**COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM**

Mary Lou Kalsted, P.E., CFM

Loren Wobig, P.E., CFM  
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**EDUCATION OUTREACH**

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**INTER-ORGANIZATIONAL**

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**YOUTH OUTREACH**

Brian Chaille, P.E., CFM



# Illinois Department of Transportation

Office of the Secretary  
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March 19, 2015

Ms. Louise Yeung  
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)  
233 South Wacker Drive, Sears Tower, Suite 800  
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Dear Ms. Yeung

This letter is to confirm the mutual intent of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the members of the Northeastern Illinois Resilience Partnership (which includes the City of Chicago, Cook County, DuPage County, and the State of Illinois), to collaborate and enter into a partner agreement to carry out eligible activities as provided in each applicant's CDBG-NDR application. IDOT intends to participate in the Partnership regardless of the award of funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition.

IDOT is responsible for the planning, construction, operation, and maintenance of roadways, bridges, and rails that make up Illinois' extensive transportation network. As a member of the Partnership, IDOT will participate in meetings and working groups to investigate the incorporation of resilience as a regular part of its work. Potential policy changes include integrating green infrastructure into roadway design, revising infrastructure design standards to account for projected climate impacts, and conducting a climate vulnerability assessment of IDOT's assets. With 18,000 miles of state and interstate highways and nearly 7,800 bridges, IDOT's policies have a significant impact on stormwater management, ecosystem connectivity, and urban heat island reduction throughout Illinois.

It is understood that this letter is only an expression of our intent and a binding partner agreement detailing the terms and conditions of the proposed partnership must be executed before the use of any CDBG-NDR funds, if awarded.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Randall S. Blankenhorn'.

Randall S. Blankenhorn  
Acting Secretary

March 9, 2015

## **Appendix C**

### **Partner Letter**

Re: Intent to Participate

This letter is to confirm the mutual intent of the Illinois State Water Survey, Prairie Research Institute at the University of Illinois, and the members of the Northeastern Illinois Resilience Partnership (which includes the City of Chicago, Cook County, DuPage County, and the State of Illinois) to collaborate and enter into a partner agreement to carry out eligible activities as provided in each applicant's CDBG-NDR application. IDOT intends to participate in the Partnership regardless of the award of funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition.

The Illinois State Water Survey has been a leader in the study of water resources for more than a century. Our research and service programs provide citizens, industries, and government agencies at all levels with timely, science-based information and analysis necessary to manage our water resources wisely for economic development and a sustainable environment.

The ISWS will serve as a resource to regularly update partners about a range of issues relevant to this partnership, including monitoring hydroclimatic data, state-of-the art research in urban flooding, downscaled climate projections that can guide how we amend building codes and design standards for infrastructure, and other issues within our focus area.

It is understood that this letter is only an expression of our intent and a binding partner agreement detailing the terms and conditions of the proposed partnership must be executed before the use of any CDBG-NDR funds, if awarded.



Dr. Misganaw Demissie, ISWS Director

## **Appendix C Partner Letter**

American Planning Association-  
Illinois Chapter  
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Re: Intent to Participate

This letter is to confirm the mutual intent of the Illinois Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA-IL) and the members of the Northeastern Illinois Resilience Partnership (which includes the City of Chicago, Cook County, DuPage County, and the State of Illinois), to collaborate and enter into a partner agreement to carry out eligible activities as provided in each applicant's CDBG-NDR application. APA-IL intends to participate in the Partnership regardless of the award of funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition.

APA-IL is a membership organization that provides professional development, networking, and communication opportunities for members of the planning profession in Illinois. As a member of the Partnership, representatives of APA-IL will participate in meetings and working groups to explore how its work can advance regional resilience. In particular, APA-IL will help to develop and publicize training opportunities to its members, in order to advance the concept of resilience across the planning profession.

It is understood that this letter is only an expression of our intent and a binding partner agreement detailing the terms and conditions of the proposed partnership must be executed before the use of any CDBG-NDR funds, if awarded.

American Planning Association-Illinois Chapter



Courtney Kashima, AICP  
President



The Honorable Julian Castro  
 Secretary  
 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
 451 7th Street S.W.  
 Washington, DC 20410

*Re: Intent to Participate*

Secretary Castro:

This letter is to confirm the mutual intent of the Metropolitan Planning Council and the members of the Northeastern Illinois Resilience Partnership (which includes the City of Chicago, Cook County, DuPage County, and the State of Illinois) to collaborate and enter into a partner agreement to carry out eligible activities as provided in each applicant’s application for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition.

For 80 years, the Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC) has made the Chicago region a better place to live and work by partnering with businesses, communities and governments to address the area’s toughest planning and development challenges.

Since April 2014 we have led the Calumet Stormwater Collaborative, which is comprised of the key stakeholders controlling land, infrastructure, financing tools or regulatory powers related to stormwater management on Chicago’s south side and in the southern suburbs of Cook County. Many of the policy, data and coordination concepts embedded in the CDBG-NDR applications from the members of the Northeastern Illinois Resilience Partnership stem directly from the work of MPC and the Collaborative, and the Collaborative is in fact a model for how the Partnership could function. MPC is fully committed to expanding upon the work of the Collaborative, being a full member of the Partnership and building the resiliency of northeastern Illinois.

It is understood that this is letter is only an expression of our intent and a binding partner agreement detailing the terms and conditions of the proposed partnership must be executed before the use of any CDBG-NDR funds, if awarded.

Sincerely,

MarySue Barrett  
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MarySue Barrett •

March 24, 2015

**Appendix C**  
**Partner Letter**

Re: Intent to Participate

This letter is to confirm the mutual intent of the Midwestern Regional Climate Center (MRCC) and the members of the Northeastern Illinois Resilience Partnership (which includes the City of Chicago, Cook County, DuPage County, and the State of Illinois) to collaborate and enter into a partner agreement to carry out eligible activities as provided in each applicant's CDBG-NDR application. The MRCC intends to participate in the Partnership regardless of the award of funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition.

The MRCC has been serving the climate information, monitoring, and data needs of the Midwest region for over 30 years. Our services and research help to better explain climate and its impacts, provide practical solutions to specific climate problems, and allow us to develop climate information for the region on climate-sensitive issues such as agriculture, climate change, energy, the environment, human health, risk management, transportation, and water resources.

The MRCC will serve as a resource for climate data and information that could help provide climate monitoring tools and services for decision makers and planners. We look forward to collaborating on research and product development that can be useful and usable to stakeholders and communities in order to better prepare for extreme weather events.

It is understood that this letter is only an expression of our intent and a binding partner agreement detailing the terms and conditions of the proposed partnership must be executed before the use of any CDBG-NDR funds, if awarded.



Dr. Beth Hall, MRCC Director



## **Re: Intent to Participate in Northeastern Illinois Resilience Partnership**

This letter is to confirm the mutual intent of the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) and the members of the Northeastern Illinois Resilience Partnership (which includes the City of Chicago, Cook County, DuPage County, the State of Illinois, and various other agencies, institutions, and organizations) to collaborate and enter into a partner agreement to carry out eligible activities as provided in each applicant's Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) application.

NRDC intends to participate in the Partnership's efforts to make communities in Northeastern Illinois better prepared for natural disasters and the future impacts of climate change. Our participation in the Partnership will continue regardless of the award of funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the CDBG-NDR competition.

NRDC is a non-profit environmental advocacy organization with more than 1.4 million members and online activists. NRDC has done extensive work on resilience related issues at every level of government on matters pertaining to the disaster preparedness and hazard mitigation planning, the National Flood Insurance Program, green infrastructure, water efficiency, and the financing of water infrastructure systems that are prepared for the future impacts of climate change.

As a member of the Partnership, NRDC has provided substantive input and assistance on the development of the Phase 1 CDBG-NDR applications of the City of Chicago, Cook County, DuPage County; established a workgroup of leading design and engineering firms on behalf of the partnership; set aside \$75,000 in direct financial support for activities related to application development; and secured the services of a consultant to design and implement a plan for engaging local stakeholders and community members in the development of the applications and local resilience plans. We will continue to be engaged with the Partnership in a similar capacity for Phase 2 and beyond.

It is understood that this is letter is only an expression of our intent and a binding partner agreement detailing the terms and conditions of the proposed partnership must be executed before the use of any CDBG-NDR funds, if awarded.

Sincerely

Robert Moore  
Senior Policy Analyst, Water Program, Water & Climate Team



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Re: Intent to Participate in the Northeastern Illinois Resilience Partnership

Dear Bob:

This letter is to confirm the mutual intent of Openlands and the members of the Northeastern Illinois Resilience Partnership (which includes the City of Chicago, Cook County, DuPage County, and the State of Illinois) to collaborate and enter into a partner agreement to carry out eligible activities as provided in each applicant's Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition. Openlands intends to continue its participation in the Partnership regardless of the award of funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the CDBG-NDR applications.

The mission of Openlands is to protect the natural and open spaces of northeastern Illinois and the surrounding region through outreach and education, technical assistance and planning, land acquisition and preservation, and policy and advocacy. As a member of the Partnership, Openlands will participate in meetings and working groups to explore how its work can advance regional resilience. In particular, Openlands will use its expertise in community engagement, land protection, green infrastructure finance and development, and local, state and federal policy to contribute to this issue.

It is understood that this is letter is only an expression of our intent and a binding partner agreement detailing the terms and conditions of the proposed partnership must be executed before the use of any CDBG-NDR funds, if awarded.

Sincerely,

Gerald W. Adelmann  
President and CEO



## Appendix C Partner Letter

UI LABS

Re: Intent to Participate

This letter is to confirm the mutual intent of UI LABS (through its CITYWORKS program) and the members of the Northeastern Illinois Resilience Partnership (which includes the City of Chicago, Cook County, DuPage County, and the State of Illinois), to collaborate and enter into a partner agreement to carry out eligible activities as provided in each applicant's CDBG-NDR application. UI LABS intends to participate in the Partnership regardless of the award of funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition.

UI LABS created CITYWORKS as a collaborative partnership among leading corporations, research institutions, and the public sector to advance urban infrastructure innovation. As a member of the Partnership, UI LABS will participate in meetings and working groups to explore how its work can advance regional resilience.

The CITYWORKS program advances the development of transformational technology innovation solutions addressing the urban infrastructure areas of: Energy; Physical Infrastructure and the Built Environment; Transportation; and Water. Many CITYWORKS activities across these four areas will be relevant to the work of the Northeastern Illinois Resilience Partnership. For example, CITYWORKS is currently pursuing initiatives related to green infrastructure monitoring and the deployment of advanced sensing technology to drive both improved real-time active management of storm-water systems, and future-oriented context-specific planning regarding the deployment of both "green" and "gray" infrastructure solutions.

This work will enable significantly increased capabilities in mitigation and resilience planning at the hyper-local level regarding storm-water, flood-risk, and green infrastructure deployment. It will also help to address the flexible capacity requirements stemming from increasingly frequent and severe storm and precipitation events and the longer term implications resulting from climate change. Further, as the CITYWORKS model is predicated on the rapid piloting and scaling of successful solutions, advances made through this program will quickly begin to

benefit many other areas around the United States.

We are very pleased to be included as a member of this partnership. While we understand that this is letter is only an expression of our intent and that a binding partner agreement detailing the terms and conditions of the proposed partnership must be executed before the use of any CDBG-NDR funds (if awarded), we look forward to actively engaging in this worthy effort.

Sincerely,



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Caralynn Nowinski, UI LABS Executive Director



United Way of Metropolitan Chicago  
333 South Wabash Avenue, 30<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Chicago, IL 60604

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to confirm the mutual intent of United Way of Metropolitan Chicago (UWMC or United Way) and the members of the Northeastern Illinois Resilience Partnership (which includes the City of Chicago, Cook County, DuPage County, and the State of Illinois) to collaborate and enter into a partner agreement to carry out eligible activities as provided in each applicant's CDBG-NDR application. UWMC intends to participate in the Partnership regardless of the award of funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition.

UWMC was formed in 1932 out of the Chicago business community's concern for their fellow citizens during the Depression. As part of the largest non-profit network in the world, UWMC has invested over \$600 million in the Chicagoland community over the last decade to fund a broad range of social service programs. Today, UWMC continues to adapt to the changing needs of Chicagoland communities. Over the past several years, UWMC has transformed from a traditional program-funding model to a community impact model, which focuses on creating social change through targeted interventions in education, income, and health. United Way does what no single organization alone can do, bringing together leaders from corporations, human services, and the community to develop innovative solutions to local issues.

UWMC strongly supports the innovative regional resilience model being proposed by the Northeastern Illinois Resilience Partnership. UWMC is a large-scale funder of social services in the region, including basic needs and disaster relief agencies across a six-county footprint (including Cook and DuPage counties). Given our regional presence, UWMC is well-positioned to participate in planning/advisory committees (particularly in Chicago, Cook, and/or DuPage) to inform planning and design of the pilot models to be implemented. UWMC will also tap into our regional network of social service agencies and corporate partners to spread the word and communicate information to the people they work with in their communities as needed.

It is understood that this letter is only an expression of our intent and a binding partner agreement detailing the terms and conditions of the proposed partnership must be executed before the use of any CDBG-NDR funds, if awarded.

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Jose Rico  
Senior Vice President, Community Investment

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March 17, 2015

Mr. Bob Dean  
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Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning  
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Chicago, IL 60606

Re: Intent to Participate

Dear Mr. Dean:

This letter is to confirm the mutual intent of the Urban Transportation Center (UTC) at the University of Illinois at Chicago and the members of the Northeastern Illinois Resilience Partnership (which includes the City of Chicago, Cook County, DuPage County, and the State of Illinois), to collaborate and enter into a partner agreement to carry out eligible activities as provided in each applicant's CDBG-NDR application. UTC intends to participate in the Partnership regardless of the award of funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition.

UTC is dedicated to conducting research, inspiring education, and providing technical assistance on urban transportation planning, policy, operations, and management. As a member of the Partnership, UTC will participate in meetings and working groups to explore how its work can advance regional resilience. In particular, in a recently-announced partnership with Argonne National Laboratory, UTC will study methods and create tools for building more resilient mass transit systems that address evacuation needs in emergencies; UTC will coordinate this resilience effort with the Partnership's regional efforts.

It is understood that this letter is only an expression of our intent and a binding partner agreement detailing the terms and conditions of the proposed partnership must be executed before the use of any CDBG-NDR funds, if awarded.

Sincerely,



Stephen E. Schlickman  
Executive Director  
Urban Transportation Center



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March 26, 2015

RE: Northeastern Illinois Resiliency Partnership NDRC Application

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM), a national non-profit organization of 16,000 members dedicated to reducing flood losses and protecting the natural and beneficial functions of floodplains, I am writing to endorse the project proposed for the Natural Disaster Resiliency Competition (NDRC) as comprehensive and reducing long-term adverse impacts to the human and natural environment, consistent with the fundamental definition of resilience in NDRC. We are particularly pleased to see a number of activities to improve upon the flood risk data used by communities for more informed decisionmaking to reduce long term flood losses.

Flood data in particular is not static. It changes over time due to a variety of factors including land use changes, climate variability and climate change. The approach in the project improves on this "foundational" knowledge to ultimately result in better planning, more resilient construction and the reduction of Adverse Impacts to floodplains and those living/working nearby. For over a decade, ASFPM has advocated a "No Adverse Impact" approach to floodplain management that ensures that development activities in a particular watershed have no adverse impact to the floodplain resource or to upstream and downstream property owners. Critical to that is accurate, current flood data. The Northeastern Illinois Resiliency Partnership proposal meets the spirit and philosophy of the No Adverse Impact approach and should be seriously considered as a worthy proposal for funding. Further, ASFPM is willing and able to provide technical assistance to the project team as needed to ensure the project's success.

Respectfully,



Chad Berginnis CFM  
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March 26, 2015

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Re: Intent to Participate

Dear Ms. Hunn:

This letter is to confirm the mutual intent of Illinois State Toll Highway Authority (Tollway) and the members of the Northeastern Illinois Resilience Partnership (which includes the City of Chicago, Cook County, DuPage County and the State of Illinois) to collaborate and enter into a partner agreement, contingent upon the award of funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition, to carry out eligible activities as provided in each applicant's CDBG-NDR application.

The Tollway is a toll operated highway agency primarily located in northeastern Illinois integral to accessibility and transportation throughout the region. Our collaboration with the Partnership exemplifies our commitment to resilience-enhancing efforts throughout the region, including maintaining sustainable built and natural structures.

We intend to stay engaged in these resilience-building efforts through Phase 2 of the CDBG-NDR competition and beyond. Specifically, our role will be to provide coordination and input during planning efforts and offer our professional expertise on potential strategies for the region.

It is understood that this is letter is only an expression of our intent and a binding partner agreement detailing the terms and conditions of the proposed partnership must be executed before the use of any CDBG-NDR funds, if awarded.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bryan Wagner".

Bryan Wagner  
Environmental Policy and Program Manager

cc: Reed Panther, Tollway