

June 19, 2019

Secretary Elaine L. Chao US Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590 United States

RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2019 Grant Application Support Letter for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project

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Sincerely.

Marc C. LaFerrier, AICP Community Development Director

cc: Glenn A. Wiltshire, Acting Port Everglades Chief Executive and Port Director

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Dear Secretary Chao:

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c: Glenn A. Wiltshire, Acting Port Everglades Chief Executive and Port Director

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Richard Blattner Commissioner, District 4

June 10, 2019

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RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2019 Grant Application Support Letter for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project

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Richard Blattner

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With warm regards, I am

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Bob Swindell, President and CEO

cc: Glenn A. Wiltshire, Acting Port Everglades Chief Executive and Port Director

Alliance: Partnership for Economic Growth Broward County's Official Economic Development Partnership gflalliance.org



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The Intermodal Freight Connector Project will benefit my business by creating jobs for Hollywood residents and the South Florida area, by bringing more business to the area and supporting our local economy and by making the Port a state of the art facility for cargo transport.

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Dear Secretary Chao:

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Sincerely,

Keith Koenig Chairman

Cc: Glenn A. Wiltshire, Acting Port Everglades Chief Executive and Port Director

BROWARD WORKSHOP MISSION STATEMENT

Broward Workshop is a private, non-profit, non-partisan business organization established in 1981 and is made up of the chief decision makers representing 120 of Broward County's major businesses and professions. Through the Workshop, business leaders seek to facilitate positive solutions to Broward County's critical issues and to serve as a catalyst to encourage the cooperative effort between various entities working for countywide, specific, long-range common goals (see attached).



June 6, 2019

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Isabel Cosio Carballo, MPA Executive Director

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cc: Glenn A. Wiltshire, Acting Port Everglades Chief Executive and Port Director Gregory Stuart, Executive Director, Broward MPO



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Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors

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Memphis Chamber of Commerce

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Metropolitan Transportation Commission June 10, 2019 The Honorable Elaine L. Chao

Secretary United States Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

Broward County's Port Everglades is seeking BUILD discretionary funds for their **Intermodal Freight Connector Project** Broward County's Port Everglades is a member of the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC), a national group dedicated to improving our nation's multimodal freight infrastructure.

Should the BUILD grant be awarded, the Port will use the funds to provide critically needed cargo berths, which will help it meet current and future trade demands. This project will ensure that Port Everglades is able to provide state-of-industry infrastructure and capacity necessary to fulfill its role as a nationally significant global gateway. It will not only result in benefits for the tenants and stakeholders at the Port but also create national, state, and regional economic benefits.

According to Broward County's Port Everglades, South Florida is the eighth largest metropolitan area in the U.S., with more than six million residents. The Port's Master/Vision Plan identifies \$1.6 billion in capital investments that are needed to support South Florida's economic generator. Port Everglades supports more than 13,000 direct jobs and generates \$33.9 billion in business activity annually. They must invest hundreds of millions of dollars to meet Port Everglades' current and future needs through construction and acquisition activities. The Intermodal Freight Connector Project is one critical component of this capital investment program necessary to serve South Florida residents, visitors, and businesses.

We hope you'll consider the merits of the **Intermodal Freight Connector Project** application. As an organization, we support investments in freight infrastructure and we encourage USDOT to continue investing in goods movement projects through the BUILD grant program. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Elaine Nessle Executive Director

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The Northwest Seaport Alliance

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Ohio Kentucky Indiana Regional Council of Governments

Orange County Transportation Authority Port Authority of New York & New Jersey

Port Houston

Port Newark Container Terminal

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Port of Long Beach

Port of Los Angeles

Port of New Orleans

Port of Oakland

Port of Portland, OR

Port of San Diego

Port Tampa Bay

Port of Vancouver USA

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Port Canaveral	Secretary Elaine L. Chao US Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590
Port Everglades	Washington, DC 20590
Port of Fernandina	RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2019 Grant Application Support Letter for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project
	Dear Secretary Chao:
Port of Fort Pierce	The Florida Ports Council is pleased to submit this letter of support for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project
Port of Key West	(IFCP) for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2019 Grant Application. The IFCP will provide critically needed cargo berths at the Port to meet current and future trade demands. The IFCP
PortMiami	will ensure that Port Everglades is able to provide state-of-industry infrastructure and capacity necessary to fulfill its role as a nationally
Port Manatee	significant global gateway. Port tenants and stakeholders will directly benefit from this added capacity in addition to the national, state and regional economic benefits that will be realized.
Port of Palm Beach	The Florida Ports Council represents Florida's fourteen public deepwater seaports, and this project will have a statewide benefit for all of Florida, especially the residents of South Florida. South Florida is the 8th largest
Port of Panama City	metropolitan area in the U.S. with more than six million residents. In addition, Florida is the 3rd largest state with over 21 million residents, and we welcomed 126 million seasonal visitors in 2018. It is critical that Florida's
Port of Pensacola	seaports are positioned and equipped to handle a growing volume of trade to meet consumer needs and to ensure our nation's surface transportation system is used most efficiently.
Port of Port St. Joe	Broward County's Port Everglades Master/Vision Plan identifies \$1.6 billion in capital investments that are needed over the next twenty years to support
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Port Tampa Bay	acquisition activities over the next several years. The IFCP represents critical



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We strongly support the efforts of Port Everglades to partner with the federal government to improve the movement of freight in Florida. This project represents the priorities of Florida's and President Trump's transportation infrastructure plans. We strongly encourage you to invest federal BUILD dollars on this project.

Sincerely,

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Doug Wheeler President & CEO Florida Ports Council



INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Affiliated with AFL-CIO and Canadian Labour Congress

Christopher D. Roland President **Leon Taylor, Jr.** Vice President Johnnie L. Dixon Financial Secretary

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June 10, 2019

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RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2019 Grant Application Support Letter for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project

Dear Secretary Chao:

We the International Longshoremen's Association Local 1526 are pleased to submit this letter of support for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project (IFCP) for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2019 Grant Application. The IFCP will provide critically needed cargo berths at the Port to meet current and future trade demands. The IFCP will ensure that Port Everglades is able to provide state-of-industry infrastructure and capacity necessary to fulfill its role as a nationally significant global gateway. Port tenants and stakeholders will directly benefit from this added capacity in addition to the national, state and regional economic benefits that will be realized.

The Intermodal Freight Connector Project will benefit our local by producing more jobs and economic benefits for our longshoremen and their families.

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Sincerely,

Christopher D. Roland, President



July 1, 2019

Secretary Elaine L. Chao US Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The members of the PORT EVERGLADES ASSOCIATION wish to express full support to Broward County, Florida's Port Everglades for the Intermodal Freight Connector Project (IFCP) for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2019 Grant Application.

PORT EVERGLADES ASSOCIATION represents the major users of Port Everglades including cargo and cruise lines, ship owners and operators, terminal operators, warehousing and logistics providers and many others. Our members are fully committed to their operations at Port Everglades and have made substantial investments of their own in our seaport. Our members are completely dependent on the continued vitality of Port Everglades.

We are unanimous in our support for the IFCP which we are confident will provide critically needed cargo berths to meet current and future demands. The IFCP will ensure that Port Everglades is able to provide state-of-the-industry infrastructure and capacity necessary to fulfill its role as a nationally significant global gateway. All of the Port's tenants and stakeholders will directly benefit from this added capacity in addition to the national, state and regional economic benefits that will be realized.

Broward County's size and importance cannot be overstated. Our six million residents make us the 8th largest metropolitan area in the country and we welcome literally millions of visitors and seasonal residents each year. It is critical that Port Everglades and all Florida seaports continue to be equipped to handle the growing volume of trade to meet consumer needs and to ensure our nation's surface transportation system is used most efficiently.

Sincerely,

Lori Baer

Lori Baer Executive Director Port Everglades Association

CC: Glenn Wiltshire, Acting Director, Port Everglades, Fort Lauderdale FL Dr. Natacha J. Yacinthe, Ph.D., PPM[®], AICP, Manager of Seaport Planning

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June 12, 2019

Secretary Elaine L. Chao US Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590 United States

RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2019 Grant Application Support Letter for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project

Dear Secretary Chao:

We, at LOGISTEC, are pleased to submit this letter of support for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project (IFCP) for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2019 Grant Application. The IFCP will provide critically needed cargo berths at the Port to meet current and future trade demands. The IFCP will ensure that Port Everglades is able to provide state-of-industry infrastructure and capacity necessary to fulfill its role as a nationally significant global gateway. Port tenants and stakeholders will directly benefit from this added capacity in addition to the national, state and regional economic benefits that will be realized.

At LOGISTEC, we always put our customers first. As a North American leader in Marine and Stevedoring Services for over 65 years, currently managing 63 terminals at 37 ports, we understand the importance of providing not only reliable service, but the importance of going beyond for our customers. There is a push to grow the business both domestically and internationally at Port Everglades and to provide customers with the revitalized global gateway and transportation hub they have been asking for. The Intermodal Freight Connector Project, that would see strategic investments create additional berth space and important upgrades to the dock infrastructure, translates into greater fluidity at the port and faster turn-around time for cargo. In addition, more berth space means more vessel calls and more cargo and importantly new specialized cargo flowing through Port Everglades.

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Sincerely,

Trip Bailey Vice President, Operations LOGISTEC USA Inc.



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RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2018 Grant Application Support Letter for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project

Dear Secretary Chao:

We, Florida International Terminal LLC, are pleased to submit this letter of support for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project (IFCP) for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2019 Grant Application. The IFCP will provide critically needed cargo berths and crane rail infrastructure at the Port to meet current and future trade demands. The IFCP will ensure that Port Everglades is able to provide state-of-industry infrastructure and capacity necessary to fulfill its role as a nationally significant global gateway. Port tenants and stakeholders will directly benefit from this added capacity in additional to the national, state and regional economic benefits that will be realized.

The Intermodal Freight Connector Project will benefit my business with the potential increase in cargo volumes of up to 30%, not only allowing us to service the larger vessels that have resulted from industry consolidation, but also because it would attract new business, as a result of increased capacity and efficiencies in cargo handling. This efficiencies will in turn benefit our community with more product choices and lower prices.

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Klaus Stadthagen VP & General Manager Florida International Terminal LLC Cc: Glenn Wiltshire, Acting Port Everglades Chief Executive and Port Director



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The Intermodal Freight Connector Project will benefit my business since it will impact and benefit all our customers including the cargo and cruise portfolio clients. This Grant will facilitate the cargo flows at a location which will diversify the transportation network.

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Sincerely,

Richard G. Rovirosa C.E.O. and General Manager

Cc: Glenn A. Wiltshire, Acting Port Everglades Chief Executive and Port Director

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Robert B. Ledoux, Esquire Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary

June 12, 2019

Secretary Elaine L. Chao US Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590 United States

RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2019 Grant Application Support Letter for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project

Dear Secretary Chao:

We, Florida East Coast Railway, LLC, are pleased to submit this letter of support for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project (IFCP) for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2019 Grant Application. The IFCP will provide critically needed cargo berths at the Port to meet current and future trade demands. The IFCP will ensure that Port Everglades is able to provide state-of-industry infrastructure and capacity necessary to fulfill its role as a nationally significant global gateway. Port tenants and stakeholders will directly benefit from this added capacity in addition to the national, state and regional economic benefits that will be realized.

The Intermodal Freight Connector Project will benefit my business by increasing fluidity and reducing delays in moving of goods in and out of Port Everglades. FEC has invested more than \$50MM to expedite the movement of freight at Port Everglades. This project will continue that process and allow more freight to flow through Port Everglades.

South Florida is the 8th largest metropolitan area in the U.S. with more than six million residents. In addition, Florida is the 3rd largest state with over 21 million residents, and we welcomed 126 million seasonal visitors in 2018. It is critical that Florida's seaports are positioned and equipped to handle a growing volume of trade to meet consumer needs and to ensure our nation's surface transportation system is used most efficiently.

Broward County's Port Everglades Master/Vision Plan identifies \$1.6 billion in capital investments that are needed over the next twenty years to support this major economic generator for South Florida that supports more than 13,000 direct jobs and generates \$33.9 billion in business activity annually. To meet Port Everglades' current and future needs, an investment of hundreds of millions of dollars must be expended on construction and acquisition activities over the next several years. The IFCP represents critical components of this capital investment program necessary to serve our residents, visitors, and business community.

We look forward to continuing our relationship with Broward County's Port Everglades with the successful completion of this project.

Sincerely,

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June 10, 2019

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RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2019 Grant Application Support Letter for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project

Dear Secretary Chao:

We **(G.F.C. Crane Consultants, Inc.)** are pleased to submit this letter of support for Broward County's Port Everglades **Intermodal Freight Connector Project (IFCP) for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2019 Grant Application.** The IFCP will provide critically needed cargo berths at the Port to meet current and future trade demands. The IFCP will ensure that Port Everglades is able to provide state-of-industry infrastructure and capacity necessary to fulfill its role as a nationally significant global gateway. Port tenants and stakeholders will directly benefit from this added capacity in addition to the national, state and regional economic benefits that will be realized.

The Intermodal Freight Connector Project will benefit my business by allowing us to hire more staff to meet the additional cargo demand.

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We look forward to continuing our relationship with Broward County's Port Everglades with the successful completion of this project.

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Dale W. Hoover, Vice president of Operations GFC Crane Consultants, Inc.



June 18, 2019

Secretary Elaine L. Chao US Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590 United States

RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2019 Grant Application Support Letter for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project

Dear Secretary Chao:

We, Horizon Terminal Services, LLC, are pleased to submit this letter of support for Broward County's Port Everglades **Intermodal Freight Connector Project (IFCP) for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2019 Grant Application.** The IFCP will provide critically needed cargo berths at the Port to meet current and future trade demands. The IFCP will ensure that Port Everglades is able to provide state-of-industry infrastructure and capacity necessary to fulfill its role as a nationally significant global gateway. Port tenants and stakeholders will directly benefit from this added capacity in addition to the national, state and regional economic benefits that will be realized.

The Intermodal Freight Connector Project will have a major positive impact on our automotive operations in Port Everglades. Our recently inaugurated terminal and automotive technical center has proven very successful to the automotive industry in gaining lead-time advantages for exports towards Central America and the Caribbean, including major lead-time and environmental improvements for imports and distribution of new autos to the Southern Florida markets. These were previously imported through East Coast ports further north. Thus, we see a significant upward potential in attracting further automotive flows through Port Everglades to this population dense area and to achieve this, we need improved berth infrastructure in the port to allow for faster seamless handling of ocean traffic which is a requirement to remain competitive.

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Broward County's Port Everglades Master/Vision Plan identifies \$1.6 billion in capital investments that are needed over the next twenty years to support this major economic generator for South Florida that supports more than 13,000 direct jobs and generates \$33.9 billion in business activity annually. To meet Port Everglades' current and future needs, an investment of hundreds of millions of dollars must be expended on construction and acquisition activities over the next several years. The IFCP represents critical components of this capital investment program necessary to serve our residents, visitors, and business community.

We look forward to continuing our relationship with Broward County's Port Everglades with the successful completion of this project.

Sincerely,

Per Folkesson Chief Executive Officer Horizon Terminal Services, LLC



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RE: Port Everglades, Broward County, Florida Letter Supporting Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development ("BUILD") 2019 Grant Application

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am pleased to submit this letter supporting the Intermodal Freight Connector Project ("Freight Project") for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2019 Grant Application for Port Everglades.

South Florida is the 8th largest metropolitan area in the United States with more than 6 million residents. Florida is the 3rd largest state with over 21 million residents, and we welcomed 126 million seasonal visitors in 2018. Port Everglades is one of the major economic generators in South Florida - it supports more than 13,000 direct jobs and generates \$33.9 billion in annual business activity.

It is critical that Port Everglades remain positioned and equipped to handle the growing volume of trade in order to meet consumer needs and to ensure our nation's surface transportation system is used most efficiently. The Freight Project will provide critically needed cargo berths to meet our current and future trade demands and it will ensure Port Everglades is able to provide state-of-industry infrastructure and capacity necessary to continue to fulfill its role as a nationally significant global gateway.

I am a Senior Partner at the law firm of Shutts & Bowen. At over 100 years old, I like to say Shutts is Florida's oldest, largest law firm with approximately 300 lawyers across our 8 Florida offices. We regularly work with clients in and around Port Everglades and I can state that Port tenants and stakeholders will directly benefit from the added capacity created by the Freight Project.

Port Everglades' Master Plan identifies \$1.6 billion in capital investments which are needed over the next twenty years and hundreds of millions of dollars must be expended on construction and acquisition activities over the next few years. The Freight Project is a critical component of this capital investment program and it is necessary to serve our residents, visitors, and business community.

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We look forward to continuing our relationship with Broward County's Port Everglades and the successful completion of this Freight Project.

Sincerely,

Shutts & Bowen LLP Brendan Aloysius Barry

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cc: Glenn A. Wiltshire, Acting Port Everglades Chief Executive and Port Director Lori Baer, Executive Director, Port Everglades Association

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June 11, 2019

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RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2019 Grant Application Support Letter for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project

Dear Secretary Chao:

We, WSP, are pleased to submit this letter of support for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project (IFCP) for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2019 Grant Application. The IFCP will provide critically needed cargo berths at the Port to meet current and future trade demands. The IFCP will ensure that Port Everglades is able to provide state-of-industry infrastructure and capacity necessary to fulfill its role as a nationally significant global gateway. Port tenants and stakeholders will directly benefit from this added capacity in addition to the national, state and regional economic benefits that will be realized.

The Intermodal Freight Connector Project will benefit my business by advancing demand for the accommodation of commerce that directly involves the Professional Services we provide.

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We look forward to continuing our relationship with Broward County's Port Everglades with the successful completion of this project.

Sincerely, Nick Ivanoff

Executive Vice President, Transportation