

Northwest Indiana  
**RDA**  
Regional Development Authority

*A catalyst to transform the economy and quality of life in northwest Indiana*

February 23, 2010

The Honorable Richard Lugar  
United States Senate  
306 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Lugar,

As the Senate begins the Fiscal Year 2011 Appropriations process, the Regional Development Authority of Northwest Indiana respectfully submits for your consideration the Intermodal Transportation Center Study proposal.

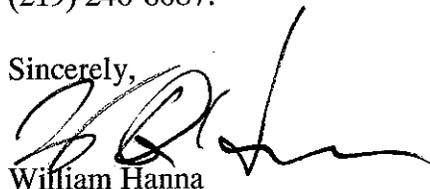
As you are aware, the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority (RDA) is targeting a catalytic lakefront redevelopment area as a possible site for an intermodal transportation center. The proposed study would determine the merit of a concept to create a multi-modal transportation center for the efficient transport of both passengers and cargo throughout the region.

As a nexus of rail, air, and transit, the development of an intermodal transportation center would effectively address a regional need to consolidate transportation services while integrating strong arterial networks into a seamless transportation system. The expected benefits of developing this transportation center would be the lowering of savings and increasing of service efficiencies, service quality and reliability. Furthermore, enhancements to transportation service, including rail, alleviates congestion thereby improving air, water and land quality. In addition, transit-oriented development in and around transportation centers shapes land use patterns toward pedestrian friendly, higher density mixed uses in populated areas.

The proposed study area has been identified based on the RDA's role in assisting with the expansion of the Gary/Chicago International Airport and the redevelopment of the Lake Michigan shoreline. It is important to note that the RDA has funded nearly \$30 million to date within this vicinity.

Thank you for your consideration of this project and your continued support of the RDA. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me directly [bhanna@rda.in.gov](mailto:bhanna@rda.in.gov) or (219) 246-6687.

Sincerely,



William Hanna  
Executive Director



Fiscal Year 2011 Transportation Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill

NW Indiana Intermodal Transportation Center Study

**BUDGET**

Construction Cost Estimate

Item	Project Task	Cost	Cost as Percent of Project Total
1	Stakeholder Alignment	\$ 24,500	3%
2	Market Analysis	\$ 78,000	10%
3	Environmental Analysis	\$ 150,000	19%
4	Transportation Analysis	\$ 225,000.00	29%
5	Rail Analysis	\$ 52,500.00	7%
6	Utility Analysis	\$ 45,000.00	6%
7	Development Finance Analysis	\$ 75,000.00	10%
8	Project Management	\$ 125,000.00	16%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 775,000.00</b>	<b>100%</b>