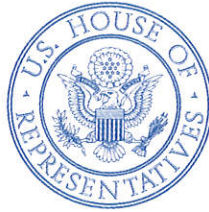


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Re: Letter of Support- Funding Opportunity Number DTOS59-15-RA-TIGER7

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my strong support for the application submitted by The Port of Oswego for funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) competitive grant program, National Infrastructure Investments.

This TIGER funding will be used to support CenterState NY Inland Port and Rail Connector Project, a transformative inland port and rail project that will boost regional exports and leverage the 12-county, CenterState NY region's ongoing public and private business, workforce, and export development to create enduring economic growth. Additionally, this project will reduce congestion at the Port of New York/New Jersey, and provide increased rail container capacity in time for the anticipated large increase in shipping traffic expected after the expansion to the Panama Canal is completed in 2016.

This project will greatly reduce the exorbitant shipping costs currently borne by regional manufacturers that rely on shipping via truck. The new rail options will decrease shipping costs for manufacturers by an estimated 42%, which will help them to grow business, create more jobs, improve logistics and enable them to increase exports.

Finally, the Project will also impact the region's environmental sustainability as trucks are taken off of the roadways in favor of rail, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, as well increase the longevity of our region's roads and highways. The adaptive re-use of a rock quarry into an ecologically sensitive, state-of-the-art Inland Port provides another avenue to create a lasting and positive environmental impact. The facility itself will utilize recycled power and innovative ecologically sound pavements, to further ensure the facility's environmental sustainability.

Again I am pleased to offer my strong support for the application submitted by The Port of Oswego Authority and would be grateful for a review of its application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Katko".

John Katko