



Southwest Conference of MAYORS

November 2nd, 2015

The Honorable Patrick E. Kitching
President, Village of Alsip
4500 W. 123rd Street
Alsip, Illinois 60803

Dear President Kitching,

On September 30th, 2015, the full membership of the Southwest Conference of Mayors met and considered the Surface Transportation Program (STP) projects recommended by the Southwest Conference of Mayors' transportation committee. The Village of Alsip's request for STP funding for the reconstruction of 131st Street from Pulaski Road to Kedzie Avenue was approved. The total cost of the project is \$4,850,000 and the Southwest Conference of Mayors is committed to 80% of the funding at \$3,880,000.

Sincerely,

Barbara Zubek
Program Coordinator

Cc: Mike Fraider, Superintendent of Streets

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December 9, 2015

Mr. John Yonan, P.E.
Superintendent
Cook County
69 West Washington Street, 23rd Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60602-3007

Dear Mr. Yonan:

Thank you for your letter requesting Economic Development Program (EDP) funding to provide improved roadway access to the Alsip MiniMill Company. Alsip MiniMill Company is a manufacturer of cardboard packaging material and agrees to create 81 new employment positions. This will help maintain a strong economic employment base for the Village of Alsip and Cook County.

We are pleased to inform you that the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will provide 50 percent of improvements to 131st Street between Pulaski Road and Kedzie Avenue in an amount up to but not exceeding \$2 million. The funding maximum for an EDP project is \$2 million per project. Funding will include eligible roadway engineering, contingencies and construction costs. Enclosed is an EDP project Summary which provides a detailed description of this commitment and the employee reporting responsibilities.

Please contact Mr. Christopher Holt, IDOT's District One, Local Roads and Streets Engineer, at telephone number (847) 705-4201, to formulate a state/local Joint Agreement. Please note that the Joint Agreement must be fully executed prior to advertisement of this project for engineering or construction. Failure to do so may jeopardize IDOT's ability to reimburse Cook County for eligible expenses. It is also the responsibility of Cook County to notify the department of any changes in the status of this company. If the company fails to expand at its site, IDOT should be notified by Cook County immediately.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Jeffrey M. South, Interim Director of the Office of Planning and Programming, located at 2300 South Dirksen Parkway, Room 300, Springfield, Illinois 62764, by telephone at (217) 782-6289

Sincerely,

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

Randall S. Blankenhorn
Secretary

Enclosure

EDP PROJECT SUMMARY

Location: Alsip, Illinois

Companies: Alsip MiniMill Company

Project Sponsor: Cook County

State Funding

The Illinois Department of Transportation (DEPARTMENT) will provide funding for eligible roadway-related items for improvements to serve the above-mentioned company. Funding will include preliminary engineering, construction, construction engineering and contingencies in an amount up to but not exceeding \$2 million from the Economic Development Program (EDP).

These improvements must be constructed to State Motor Fuel Tax standards. All necessary land acquisition or building demolition to improve this roadway will be the responsibility of Cook County. All EDP commitments are capped. For this project, the EDP funding cap is \$2 million.

Public Act 93-552

The department is required to comply with Public Act 93-552, the Corporate Accountability for Tax Expenditures Act. The act requires any recipient business which is the intended beneficiary of EDP assistance submit an initial report stating that business' commitment to specific employment levels and to subsequently report the progress of the development and specified employment commitments for the project on an annual basis.

The company will be required to fill out an annual Reporting Form for five full calendar years after the execution date of the local intergovernmental agreement. All annual progress reports will be completed on-line through the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. For the purpose of the EDP, the Alsip MiniMill Company is advised to enter into agreement with Cook County to ensure that these reporting requirements are fulfilled.

EDP Payback Provision

The commitment of EDP funds is contingent upon the fulfillment of the commitments to business investments and job creation/retention represented to the DEPARTMENT by Cook County and recipient businesses. Any substantial modifications to these commitments, change in location of this facility or the failure of the businesses to make firm commitment to this site will cause the DEPARTMENT's commitment to be reevaluated.

The employment levels committed by the Alsip MiniMill Company must be created within and retained over the five-year reporting period required by Public Act 93-552. If these commitments are not met, the DEPARTMENT will review the project funding provided to Cook County. If reasonable justification for non-performance of the commitments is not provided, the county will be required to repay the EDP funding (\$2 million) to the DEPARTMENT in total or an appropriate pro rata sum commensurate with the circumstances of the situation.

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December 14, 2015

Alsip Village Hall
C/O: Mayor Patrick Kitching
4500 West 123rd Street
Alsip, IL 60803

Dear Mayor Kitching,

On behalf of the Worth Township, I would like to personally thank you all your generous donations to our "Christmas Care" Program with the purchase of new toys.

As you may know our "Christmas Care Program" brings holiday cheer to families providing presents and toys for their children.

We really appreciate all your hard work, kindness, thoughtfulness, and generosity in helping us provide items for those in need.

Once again, thank you for your support and we really appreciate your assistance in helping us help the local community. Together we can make a difference.

We do hope you and your families have a great holiday season.

Sincerely,

Sue Sortino
Youth Commission Director

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Patrick Kitching

From: Thomas Styczynski <tstyczynski@villageofalsip.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2016 9:19 AM
To: Patrick Kitching
Subject: negotiating team

Mayor Kitching,

Please let this e-mail serve as my experience with the negotiating team that recently completed the fire contract with IAFF Local 3074;

This is the first contract that I was involved during the whole process. I think it was beneficial for both sides. We were able to address a lot of issues that affect the operation of the department which has not happened in the past until the contract was settled.

The original team consisted of myself, Attorney Glover, Finance Director Frieschlag, and Human Resource Specialist Jankewicz. The first meeting was in either October or November. It was just to accept their proposal. We met approximately every two weeks. The first round of meetings dealt with language change only, no financials. In December both Deb and Debbie left so there were no more meetings until Kent Oliven became the new Finance Director. I believe we resumed again in February and continued with language changes which resulted in approximately 30 -35 TA's. With the unknown of the state, finances were not discussed. We stopped negotiations again until June. They moved slow only because of the financial part which was mostly Kent. Attorney Glover kept moving the rest of the negotiations along. Because of a large difference in a few items, a federal mediator was brought in and was used until the contract was completed.

The largest part of why negotiations took so long, was the clarification of a lot of language that has been neglected through several contracts, the changing of Finance Directors and Human Resources, and the unknown status of the State of Illinois with its budget issues, the threat of freezing property taxes.

I think Sue Glover did an excellent job throughout the negotiating process. She kept notes of all conversations and topics discussed, which was a first which proved to be very beneficial. There is no doubt that she is very experienced with negotiating contracts. It was a pleasure to sit in with her during negotiations. At no time was she ever frustrated during the process, but kept offering other ideas. I have been on a negotiating team before (on the labor side) while both on another fire dept. and the school Dist., and don't think negotiations went as smooth.

I hope this information is helpful. If you need anything, please ask.

Tom



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