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Illinois and Missouri Businesses Invited to Attend Mississippi River Bridge Project Public Hearings

Project will create new jobs for local businesses

East St. Louis, IL and St. Louis, MO--The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) are hosting two public hearings to discuss their collaboration on the Mississippi River Bridge Project. The meeting will focus on the joint effort of IDOT and MoDOT to maximize the participation of Minority and Women Business Enterprises (M/WBEs) on the project.

Senior staff from both Departments will be present at the public hearings to discuss the plan to establish a dual Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal for the project. A waiver application is being prepared to seek approval from the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), Federal Highway Administration, in order to establish separate minority and woman-owned business enterprise DBE goals in accordance with the regulations adopted by the USDOT.

The Mississippi River Bridge Project public hearings will be held in St. Louis, Missouri and East St. Louis, Illinois at the times and locations listed below. A formal presentation begins at 4:00 p.m. with public comment immediately following. All businesses are encouraged to attend. Both locations are handicapped accessible and those in need of assistance are encouraged to call 618-346-3396.

ST. LOUIS PUBLIC HEARING:

Date: July 7, 2009
Location: St. Patrick Center

Visit us on the web at www.newriverbridge.org

**800 N. Tucker Boulevard
St. Louis, MO
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

EAST ST. LOUIS PUBLIC HEARING

**Date: July 8, 2009
Location: Gethsemane Church of the Living God
1435 Baugh Avenue
East St. Louis, IL
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

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