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November 23, 2015

Ms. Amy Blair
Next NGA West
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Kansas City District
601 East 12th Street – Room 529
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

Re: Scott Air Force Base (AFB) (St. Clair County)/MidAmerica St. Louis Airport
Belleville/Mascoutah, Illinois
National Geospatial Intelligence Agency (NGA)
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Dear Ms. Blair:

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) pledges our strong support in assisting the County of St. Clair in the development of a replacement campus for the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) St. Louis Second Street complex. The Scott AFB (St. Clair County) site described in the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) is an ideal location to develop a replacement campus for the NGA facility. Development of this facility at this site will assist the NGA in its effort to better serve its mission to provide timely, relevant and accurate geospatial intelligence support for our nation's security.

The Scott AFB (St. Clair County) location has many infrastructure advantages to meet the needs of the NGA. This site provides extremely convenient access to Interstate 64 as it is situated between two entrance ramps to the Interstate that are less than a mile apart. In addition, the site has access to passenger airline service through the MidAmerica St. Louis Airport, and is served by an excellent transit system. Several ongoing transportation upgrades in the vicinity will contribute to the ease by which employees can commute and new economic development will be attracted to the area.

IDOT stands ready to work with all of the stakeholders in the development and operation of a replacement campus for the NGA in St. Clair County that will provide an attractive, useful and secure location for the NGA facility. We anticipate this development will provide ample economic development opportunities to the surrounding region through its advantageous location amidst existing strong infrastructure resources. IDOT is hopeful that you will agree that Scott AFB (St. Clair County) is the best choice for this important endeavor.

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If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact Jeffrey M. South, Interim Director of the Office of Planning and Programming at (217) 782-6289 or via e-mail at Jeffrey.South@illinois.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Randall S. Blankenhorn".

Randall S. Blankenhorn
Secretary

cc: Mark A. Kern, St. Clair County Board Chairman
Tim Cantwell, Director - MidAmerica St. Louis Airport