



Illinois Department of Transportation

Office of the Secretary
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Telephone 217/782-5597

November 13, 2015

Mr. David Plyman, City Manager
420 North 6th Street
P.O. Box 601
Rochelle, Illinois 61068

Dear Mr. Plyman:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting Economic Development Program (EDP) funding to provide roadway access to the Rochelle Foods Company which plans to construct an expansion of their current facility by adding 12,000 square feet to the existing facility to create a food processing line. The company has agreed to create 118 new employment positions. This will help maintain a strong economic employment base for the City of Rochelle and Ogle County.

We are pleased to inform you that the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will provide 50 percent of improvements to reconstruct South Main Street from Veterans Parkway to Steam Plant Road, and along Steam Plant Road from South Main Street to the company's entrance. Funding will be provided in an amount up to but not exceeding \$1,711,395. The department will also provide \$95,300 in Truck Access Route Program funding for 1.14 lane miles and two intersections. 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. Tony Baratta, IDOT's District Two, Local Roads and Streets Engineer, at telephone number (815) 284-5380, 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 the City of Rochelle for eligible expenses. It is also the responsibility of the City of Rochelle 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 the City of Rochelle immediately.

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

Sincerely,

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

Randall S. Blankenhorn
Secretary

Enclosure

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