



CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICE

Bill Grunloh, Department of Transportation - Highway Construction

May 1, 2012

Ann Schneider, Secretary
Illinois Department of Transportation
2300 S. Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, Illinois 62764

Dear Secretary Schneider:

I have received and reviewed the "District 8 Construction Disparity Study" for the years 2009-2010. I have also reviewed the comments from the Target Market Public Hearing (as required by Section 6.820 - d of the Administrative Code) held on April 28, 2012 at the East St. Louis City Hall.

After careful review and consideration, I concur with the Department that the evidence presented to me is sufficient to implement a narrowly tailored target market remedial action. I would further concur with the Department that after reviewing the available remedial actions outlined in the code and the need to take quick action, the most appropriate remedy would be a contract set-aside. I agree that the Department should schedule a special letting with the bids being received and opened in District 8 and based on the evidence presented, the projects for this letting only be available to minority-owned businesses.

Please let me know if you require any further action from me and I look forward to reviewing the results of this action.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Grunloh".

Bill Grunloh
Chief Procurement Officer

cc: Marva Boyd
Ellen Schanzle-Haskins
Frank McNeil