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Opportunity for Students to Explore Engineering

SPRINGFIELD –Acting Secretary Erica Borggren announced today an opportunity for students to learn different aspects of engineering through the Engineering Explorer Post 6 program sponsored by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

The Engineering Explorer Post 6 will host its annual “First Nighter” on Tuesday, Sept. 23, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the IDOT Central Office, 2300 South Dirksen Parkway, in Springfield. This is an open-house format to explain the program to both students and parents.

The program has been successful in helping students continue their pursuit in engineering to the college level and as practicing engineers. The past few years, the Post has been able to offer scholarship opportunities to students for college. Currently, the Post has Explorers from throughout central Illinois, including Athens, Auburn, Beardstown, Carlinville, Chatham, Jacksonville, Pleasant Plains, Rochester, Springfield and Taylorville.

Exploring is part of Learning for Life’s career education program for young men and women, starting with those who are at least 14 years old and have completed the eighth grade, through the age of 20. The purpose of this program is to give students practical “hands on” experience in the engineering field and an opportunity to spend time with and be mentored by practicing engineers and technicians.

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