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Dear Engineering Consultant:

This is a great day for the people of the state of Illinois and for the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). Today, I am privileged to announce an effort that will help improve and expand IDOT's outreach and assistance to disadvantaged minority- or women-owned businesses through our Mentor-Protégé Program for Engineering Consultant Firms.

The Mentor-Protégé Program is designed to encourage more of our engineering consultant partners to develop mentoring partnerships with disadvantaged engineering business firms to help them become more competitive and stronger professional engineering firms.

The Mentor-Protégé Program expansion is timed to coincide with the next publication of the Professional Transportation Bulletin, PTB 154, scheduled for November 12, 2009. Mentor-Protégé development plans will be accepted on any project advertised on PTB 154. For more information on this program, or for help in contacting potential protégé firms, please contact Cheryl Cathey of our IDOT staff at (217) 782-7557, or by e-mail at cheryl.cathey@illinois.gov.

Thank you for your partnering efforts and your continued support of IDOT programs. With your help, this program can be a great success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Hannig', written over a circular stamp.

Gary Hannig
Secretary