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MEMORANDUM TO ALL IDOT EMPLOYEES

SUBJECT: 2017 Ethics in the Workplace Seminar

I am pleased to announce the upcoming Ethics in the Workplace seminar hosted by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). We have planned this informational event to highlight and illustrate the value of making ethical choices in the important work you do for us at the IDOT and how we can make our team stronger in the decisions we make on a daily basis. All staff are encouraged to attend in person or remotely.

This year's seminar, the eighth held by IDOT, will take place June 6 at the Crowne Plaza, in Springfield, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., subject to adjustments. More speakers will be added to the agenda, but we currently have scheduled:

- **Michelle McVicker - Principal Assistant Inspector General for Investigations for the U.S. Department of Transportation.** Ms. McVicker will join us from Washington D.C. to share her current experiences as the head of all U.S. DOT investigations, as well as past responsibilities when she worked in regional offices in California and Illinois. She will be joined by the **Special Agent in Charge for the Midwest Division, Tom Ullom**, who will present cases of transportation-related fraud from the Midwest Region.
- **Margaret (Maggie) A. Hickey - Executive Inspector General for the Agencies of the Illinois Governor.** Ms. Hickey will provide an overview of her current role, as well as her experiences gained from serving as the Executive Assistant United States Attorney in the Northern District of Illinois and overseeing a staff of approximately 300 employees. Her impressive insight into white-collar crimes will be on display as one of our keynote speakers.
- **Col. JoAnn D. Johnson - Illinois State Police.** Col. Johnson has served 28 years with the state police, currently overseeing the Division of Internal Investigations. She was the first African-American female to be promoted to the rank of Colonel in the history of the Illinois State Police. She will share her knowledge learned from extensive training, schooling and work experience.

As in the past, you will be able to participate in one of three ways. For a limited number of employees, seating will be available at the Crowne Plaza. In addition, the seminar will be streamed to video conference rooms at IDOT

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facilities throughout the state. Lastly, the seminar can also be streamed to your work computer. It is important to note, however, training credits will be given only to those who attend in person or view the seminar via a video conference room. Educational credits will not be given to those who view the seminar from their desks on their work computers.

Once again, I urge you to join us. Registration is available now, but seating is limited in some locations so don't delay. Please obtain supervisory approval ahead of time and join your fellow employees at the 2017 Ethics in the Workplace seminar on June 6. Click [HERE](#) to register.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jeff Heck or his staff at 217-785-5395, or by email at [DOT.EthicsSeminar@illinois.gov](mailto:DOT.EthicsSeminar@illinois.gov).

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

Randall S. Blankenhorn  
Secretary