



Illinois Department of Transportation

2300 South Dirksen Parkway / Springfield, Illinois / 62764

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CIRCULAR LETTER 2011-19

FY 2013 LOCAL RAIL/HIGHWAY GRADE CROSSING SAFETY PROGRAM

COUNTY ENGINEERS/ SUPERINTENDENTS OF HIGHWAYS
MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS/ DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC WORKS

We are requesting your submittal of applications for the Fiscal Year 2013 Local Rail/Highway Grade Crossing Safety Program. An application form for project funding through this program is attached. Also, an electronic version of this form is available on our website at www.dot.il.gov/blr/blrforms.html. (Click on Form BLR 04100 in the table of forms.)

A completed application providing as much information as possible, along with a location map showing the crossing should be submitted to us for each location where safety improvements are proposed. Please note that we may independently select some projects jointly with the Illinois Commerce Commission or by a review of locations having a documented history of crashes.

We are continuing to place a stronger emphasis on signal and circuitry related projects as opposed to crossing surface projects. Additional emphasis is being placed on locations with rail lines hosting passenger trains, locations with increased numbers of trains or vehicles, and at locations having a crash history. Signal related projects are eligible for 100 percent federal funding.

We request that the county engineers work with the individual township highway commissioners to identify at-grade crossings that may be in need of safety improvements.

If possible, please submit applications to us by March 1, 2012. Following receipt of the applications, we intend to perform on-site inspections at the candidate locations. After prioritization and selection of candidate projects by us, you will be notified by our department of the selected projects for this program.

If you have any questions, please contact Jason L. Johnson at (217) 557-1399.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darrell Lewis".

Darrell W. Lewis, P. E.
Acting Engineer of Local Roads and Streets

Attachment