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July 1, 2009

South Central Illinois Regional Planning
& Development Commission
Seth Gunnerson
120 Delmar Ave. – Suite A
Salem, Illinois 62881-2000

Dear Seth,

Please find enclosed some additional attachments to the 5310 grant application from Challenge Unlimited, Inc. that were received after formal submittal. There will also be some additions after the Public Hearing which is scheduled for Wednesday July 8, 2009. As per guidelines received from our Regional Office, it is acceptable to forward these additions after submittal of the grant application packet.

Thank you for your assistance and we apologize for any inconvenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Laurine Hamm". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Laurine Hamm
Coordinator of Grants



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June 22, 2009

Challenge Unlimited, Inc.
Ms. Laurine Hamm
4452 Industrial Drive
Alton, IL 62002

Dear Ms. Hamm,

Agency for Community Transit supports the application made by Challenge Unlimited, Inc. to the Illinois Department of Transportation requesting capital assistance grant funding for three new vehicles.

The transportation program offered by Challenge Unlimited, Inc. is complementary to the Agency's door-to-door program by providing essential service to persons with disabilities in our area. We fully understand the need for replacement vehicles in providing a safe and dependable transportation program and endorse the efforts of your organization.

Agency for Community Transit commends Challenge Unlimited, Inc. for their outstanding commitment to enhancing the lives of persons with disabilities throughout Madison County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jerry J. Kane', is written over a faint, circular stamp.

Jerry J. Kane
Executive Director

JJK:elw

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EDDIE LEE JACKSON, SR.
STATE REPRESENTATIVE · 114TH DISTRICT

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June 24, 2009

Ms. Laurine Hamm
Challenge Unlimited, Inc.
#4 Emmie L. Kaus Lane
Alton, Illinois 62002

Dear Hamm:

We were pleased to hear that Challenge Unlimited is submitting a grant to the Illinois Department of Transportation for a Section 5310 Transportation Capital Assistance Grant. The proposal is for three new vehicles which will be used to transport disabled and elderly citizens of Madison and St. Clair Counties and will be used to replace vehicles in need of replacement due to age, mileage and physical condition. We highly respect the services which you provide to our citizens and we wish to offer our support of the equipment grant request.

Accessible, timely and safe transportation continues to be a prime importance to persons with disabilities and their needed programming. Although public and independent transportation can be utilized in some cases, the disabled and elderly populations frequently have special needs and circumstances that cannot be accommodated by public means.

Our County appreciates your agency's involvement in the community and the commitment to your mission of providing services and supports to persons with disabilities. We encourage your efforts in attempting to obtain this grant and certainly support the need and request for the three new vehicles. Please inform me of the outcome of this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eddie L. Jackson Sr.".

Eddie L. Jackson Sr.
State Representative 114th Legislative District

ELJ/bj

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

VS

FREEDOM NEWSPAPERS OF ILLINOIS, INC.
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DOES HEREBY CERTIFY THAT IT IS THE PUBLISHER OF THE TELEGRAPH

THE SAID TELEGRAPH IS A SECULAR NEWSPAPER AND HAS BEEN PUBLISHED DAILY IN THE CITY OF ALTON, COUNTY OF MADISON AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, CONTINUOUSLY FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR PRIOR TO THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE APPENDED, AND IS THE GENERAL CIRCULATION THROUGHOUT THE COUNTIES OF MADISON, MACOUPIN, JERSEY, GREENE AND CALHOUN IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND THAT IT IS A NEWSPAPER AS DEFINED IN "AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAW IN RELATION TO NOTICES" AS AMENDED BY ACT APPROVED JULY 17, 1959-ILL. REVISED STATUTES, CHAP. 100 PARAGRAPHS 1 & 5

THAT THE NOTICE APPENDED WAS PUBLISHED IN THE SAID TELEGRAPH ON

JUNE 20TH, 2009

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE UNDERSIGNED HAS CAUSED THIS CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED

THIS 21ST DAY OF JUNE, AD 2009

BY Thomas E. Horvay, SECRETARY

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09-0809

Notice of Public Hearing
Challenge Unlimited, Inc.

Re: State of Illinois
Paratransit Vehicle
Grant for primary
service area of
Madison and
St. Clair Counties

Notice is hereby given
that a public hearing
will be held by
Challenge Unlimited,
Inc.

Date: 7-8-09
Time: 8:15 AM
Place: Challenge
Unlimited, Inc.
Conference Room
#4 Emmie L. Kaus Ln
Alton, IL 62002

I. For the purpose of
considering a project
for which financial
assistance is being
sought from the
Illinois Department of
Transportation,
pursuant to the Illinois
Department of
Transportation's
general authority to
make such Grants,
and which is generally
described as follows:

A. Description of
Project: Challenge
Unlimited, Inc. is
submitting a grant for
the replacement of
three vehicles which
have excessive
mileage and are no
longer serviceable.
The request is for one
medium duty 14
passenger ADA
equipped and two
super medium duty
22 passenger ADA
equipped vehicles at
a cost of \$237,000.
These vehicles will
allow Challenge
Unlimited to continue
to provide
transportation to
approximately 200
persons with
disabilities
participating in their
pre-vocational and
vocational programs
as well as other
community integrated
personal enrichment
programs.

This project will be
included in a
Consolidated Vehicle
Procurement Program
undertaken by the
State of Illinois on
behalf of Challenge
Unlimited with
State and Federal
Funds.

B. Relocation -
Relocation Assistance
will not be required.

C. Environment -
This project is being
implemented to
minimize
environmental
impacts.

D. Comprehensive
Planning -
This project is in
conformance with
comprehensive
transportation
planning in the area.

E. Elderly and
Disabled -
All new equipment
included in this
project will meet
ADA accessibility
rules for the elderly
and disabled.

II. At the hearing,
Challenge Unlimited
will afford an
opportunity for
interested persons
or agencies to be
heard with respect to
the social, economic
and environmental
aspects of the project.
Interested persons
may submit orally or
in writing, evidence
and
recommendations
with respect to said
project.

III. A copy of the
application for a state
grant for the proposed
project for the
intended service area
will be made available
for public inspection
at:

Challenge Unlimited,
Inc.
#4 Emmie L. Kaus Ln,
Alton, IL 62002

Contact:
Laurine Hamm
Coordinator of Grants

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