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Mr. Jim Keefer, Manager  
Federal Aviation Administration  
Great Lakes Region  
Chicago Airports District Office  
2300 East Devon Avenue  
Des Plaines, Illinois 60018

Re: South Suburban Airport  
Chicago/Peotone, Illinois  
Illinois Project Number SSA-1691  
Airport Master Plan - ALP  
Airspace Feasibility Study Request

Dear Mr. Keefer:

In 1984, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), as a mitigation item of O'Hare International Airport's Environmental Impact Statement-Record of Decision, charged the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) with determining the need for additional commercial passenger service and access to the Chicago metropolitan area. Through subsequent airport feasibility studies, environmental reviews and analysis and numerous public meetings, IDOT has continued in following through on that original FAA direction.

IDOT has also continuously shared our planning efforts with aviation users, Federal, State and local elected officials, units of local government (Monee, Peotone, Beecher, Crete, University Park, Will County) Abraham Lincoln National Airport Commission and the general public. We have, where possible, adapted the plan to reflect their guidance and input.

Today, on behalf of the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics, I am extremely delighted in presenting to you the IDOT's "**Preferred Inaugural Airport Configuration**". Through URS Corporation's Document Locator, IDOT is uploading the following documents for your agency's review and comment:

- Inaugural Airport Layout Plan Sheet – Alternative Number 2
- Inaugural Airport Layout Plan Data Sheet
- Ultimate Airport Layout Plan Sheet
- Ultimate Airport Layout Plan Data Sheet
- Selection of IDOT's Preferred Inaugural Airport Configuration (Narrative)
- FAA AGL PPM 5310.1 Airport Layout Plan Checklist (1 copy)

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By this letter, I request that your office conduct an Airspace Feasibility Study on the attached planning documents. I also request that the FAA identify the attached planning documents as a "plan on file".

As always my staff and I are available, at your request to discuss and review our submittal. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (217) 785-8515 or by facsimile at (217) 785-4533 or via e-mail at [Susan.Shea@illinois.gov](mailto:Susan.Shea@illinois.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan R. Shea".

Susan R. Shea, Ph.D.  
Director