

U.S. Department of
Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20528



Homeland Security

November 1, 2006

Mr. Richard Arns
President
The Security Board
P.O. Box 226
Willow Springs, IL 60480

Dear Mr. Arns:

The Department of Homeland Security is conducting a Great Lakes Fusion Center Pilot Project. The Pilot will demonstrate concepts, operational procedures, and technologies designed to:

- Implement an information requirements process to ensure tailored, timely and actionable Homeland Security Information is made available and exchanged between the hi-consequence Private Sector enterprises and all levels of government.
- Foster regional perspectives, planning, and response to ensure adequate resources and operational capacities are available to effectively mitigate any "all-hazards" events and their consequences.

We request that you and the Security Board continue to provide leadership in gaining corporate participation in the Great Lakes Fusion Center Pilot and in providing support to ensure the Pilot's successful conduct and the implementation of lessons learned from it. The Department's points of contact for your efforts are Mr. Robert Riegle and Mr. David Brannegan. Mr. Riegle can be contacted at 202-282-9423, and Mr. Brannegan is available at 202-786-9751.

Thank you again for your leadership and support of the Department, in making the Great Lakes Fusion Center Pilot a success, and making America safer, stronger, and better.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack Thomas Tomarchio".

Jack Thomas Tomarchio
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of Intelligence and Analysis