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Dear Potential Consulting Party,

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), District 8 is improving transportation conditions along I-75 in Hamilton County. A portion of these improvements, known as the *I-75 Thru the Valley* project, involves the widening and reconstruction of I-75 from I-275 (on the north) to Paddock Road (on the south).

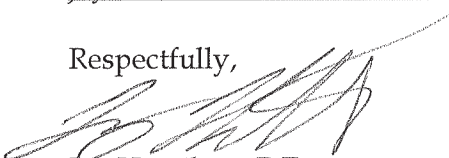
The goals of this project are to ease congestion on I-75, improve safety on I-75, increase regional mobility, and provide transportation solutions that are compatible with local land use plans. Currently, the project is in Step 7 of ODOT's 14-step Project Development Process and consists of the Recommended Alternative and the No-Build Alternative. The Recommended Alternative will undergo further refinement and then move through the environmental documentation process and final design. The first phase of construction of this project is expected to begin in 2013. More information on the project development can be found at the project web site www.thruthevalley.com.

It has been determined that the recommended alternative may have impacts to two properties determined eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. These properties are the General Electric Airplane Facility and the Lincoln Heights National Register District. We are requesting your participation as a consulting party with respect to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and the implementing regulations at 36CFR part 800 (see attached additional information). As a consulting party you will have the opportunity to offer input to ODOT regarding impacts to historic properties. If you are interested in participating as consulting party additional information concerning impacts to historic properties will be provided.

Your input can be offered through a written response, e-mail, or by use of the contact information provided on the project web site.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 513-933-6584, or at jay.hamilton@dot.state.oh.us.

Respectfully,



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