

January 27, 2009

Mr, Patrick Hosty
Executive Director
Chicago Area Laborers –Employers Cooperation
and Education Trust
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Dear Pat:

I am pleased to inform you that the Underground Contractors Association supports the Responsible Bidder Ordinance concept as promoted by the Chicago Area Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust. We believe that efforts to ensure that all contractors bidding on publicly funded projects comply with existing laws, participate in apprentice programs for their employees, and providing reasonable insurance coverage, will result in a fairer bid process and a stronger workforce.

Should there be anything we can do to assist you in this program, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Executive Director

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