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Mr. Corey D. Gruber
Acting Deputy Administrator
National Preparedness Directorate
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Department of Homeland Security
245 Murray Lane, Building 410
Washington D.C. 20528-7000

Dear Mr. Gruber:

As the co-chairman of the Private Sector Committee of the Illinois Terrorism Taskforce, I am writing in support of the proposed Regional Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) Training Center in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois.

In addition to the law enforcement training for the public sector, ILEAS will be providing at this new facility, training to the private sector that is not available at other venues. The duties of a private security officer is changing – the traditional role of observe and report is changing today to include the concept of parapolicing. The private sector does not have the expertise to teach their employees the police/law enforcement concepts and information that is now required (examples include how to search a vehicle, bomb recognition, etc.)

As Executive Vice President and General Counsel for IPC International Corporation, a company that provides security services to over 400 large shopping malls in the United States and Puerto Rico, our security officers are being required to become more proactive. We certainly need the training that ILEAS would provide at their proposed Training Center in Champaign-Urbana.

Please give this proposal from ILEAS your full consideration as this new facility will provide the private sector with the training that is now required for counter-terrorism preparedness, etc.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Crane

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