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Mr. Mark Beckwith
Milan Police Chief
321 West 2nd Avenue
Milan, Illinois 61264

Dear Chief Beckwith;

Deere & Company is a Fortune 300, multi-national U.S. Corporation and their worldwide headquarters is located in Moline, Illinois. I'm their Director of Worldwide Security with responsibility for insuring there's an adequate level of protection for global personnel and assets. Our department also establishes enterprise security standards and insures Deere units are complying with those established security processes, procedures and best-practices.

Deere has over 1000 security personnel at various global locations and approximately 70% of them are employed in the U.S. with the majority of those personnel stationed in the mid-west; i.e., Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin. As everyone knows, the threats industry faces today (terrorism, workplace violence, theft, fraud, etc.) have dramatically increased in recent years. We are constantly in an evaluation and training mode to make sure our security personnel can react correctly during any emergency situation.

It's my understanding the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) is attempting to help establish a Regional Homeland Security Training Center in or near Champaign, Illinois. Such a training center, positioned in a location near our core business operations, could provide Deere with great opportunities for receiving the specialized training, information, resources, and contacts necessary for John Deere Worldwide Security to better perform our corporate responsibilities. I highly encourage decision makers to seriously consider making the Regional DHS Training Center a reality.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my support for such a necessary and important project. Good luck with this endeavor and please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Respectfully,

Allen F. Steinbeck
Director, John Deere Worldwide Security/Aviation