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CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE SUMMIT | JUNE 6-7

Gateway Center | Collinsville, IL

There's still time to register! We have partnered with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to hold the First Annual Critical Infrastructure Conference on June 6th and 7th in Collinsville, IL.

This conference will bring private companies and public officials together to discuss how we can ensure our critical infrastructure is not only resilient but able to rebound after a catastrophic event. This can include a variety of issues, ranging from telecommunications to clean water. Along with discussing policy at the state, federal, and local level, we will feature recommendations on what small and medium-size businesses can do to protect their infrastructure-reliant interests. From this conference, policy makers and business leaders will learn how important infrastructure resiliency is to so many businesses and people in the St. Louis region and across the nation. We hope you'll join us in Collinsville.

SCHEDULE:

JUNE 6:

- 12:00 pm - Tour of Prairie State Generating Campus
- 3:00 pm - St. Louis Freight Assets Tour
- 5:00 pm - Opening Reception

This conference is qualified to offer 3.75 PDHs for Engineers. Please call if you have questions about other types of continuing education credits.

JUNE 7:

8:00 am – 3:00 pm Conference & Expo

Features:

- Overview of St. Louis Region Freight and its Importance to the North American Freight Network
- Public-Private Partnerships and their Role in Critical Infrastructure
- Water Infrastructure & Future Preparedness
- Energy Infrastructure's Impact on Business and Society, & Efforts to Ensure its Sustained Contributions
- Fireside Chat: The Impact of Federal Policies on Critical Infrastructure
- Collaboration & Focused Efforts: How do We Work Together?
- Department of Defense Logistics and Reliance on Regional Infrastructure for Success
- Opportunities in Foreign Markets: UK Energy and Infrastructure Prospects for St. Louis Area Businesses

More information, full conference agenda, or to register: <http://bit.ly/ILInfraConf>

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2017 Critical Infrastructure Conference

This event is highlighting and showcasing the importance of the Metro East & St. Louis region to the U.S. infrastructure and health of our nation's economy.

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

12:00pm Tour of Prairie State Generating Campus

Coal remains a crucial component of our nation's energy portfolio. This campus alone has a \$22 billion economic impact while providing 2.5 million families with energy every day. Attendees will tour the power plant and coal mine and learn about why this energy source remains important for economic success.

For location details and to RSVP please contact Katie Stonewater, kstonewater@ilchamber.org.

Afternoon St. Louis Freight Assets Tour

We are incredibly honored by the Terminal Railroad of St. Louis as they host a freight assets tour of the St. Louis region. This tour will crisscross the Mississippi River while showcasing rail, water, and freight assets that power the local economy while providing sponsors and key stakeholders time to network with each other.

(Open to event sponsors and by invitation)

5:00pm Opening Reception

Join attendees of the event the night before the conference at the Gateway Center in Collinsville, IL. Take the opportunity to mix and mingle with other engaged stakeholders who are also attending the conference.

1 Gateway Dr, Collinsville, IL 62234

Wednesday, June 7, 2017

Gateway Center

1 Gateway Drive
Collinsville, IL 62234
8:00am -3:00pm

8:00 – 8:30 Registration and Breakfast

8:30 – 8:45 Welcoming Remarks

Todd Maisch, President & CEO, Illinois Chamber of Commerce

Edward Mortimer, Transportation & Infrastructure, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

8:45 – 9:15 Panel Discussion: Overview of St. Louis Region Freight and its Importance to the North American Freight Network

Moderator: Mary C. Lamie, St. Louis Regional Freightway

The St. Louis region is crucial to the American economy. While the world of freight is constantly changing, from shifting trade routes to e-commerce, this panel discusses how the St. Louis region is addressing challenges and opportunities and some of the challenge and opportunities of the region and then transition these comments to a national level and the role the region's freight network plays at a national level.

9:15 – 9:45 International Keynote: Energy and Infrastructure Opportunities in the U.K.

Sam Hollis, Vice Consul on Energy, Environment & Infrastructure, Department for International Trade | British Consulate-General Chicago

The UK remains a strong partner with the U.S. and exchange of talent and opportunities continues to grow. Sam Hollis with the UK Department of International Trade will present on how St. Louis area companies can engage in foreign markets and what type of investment opportunities exist abroad. A 2016 review by Wells Fargo shared that 63% of surveyed businesses expect to increase long-term international business development planning, further highlighting how ripe the global economy is with opportunity for local businesses. Not to mention, the spurred local economic development growth that goes with expanded business opportunities.

9:45 – 10:30 Morning Keynote: Public-Private Partnerships and their Role in Critical Infrastructure

Sam Beydoun, Bureau Chief, Innovative Project Delivery, Illinois Department of Transportation

After his election, President Donald Trump announced that his administration would pursue a major infrastructure plan with public-private partnerships (P3s) as a key component of any program. Sam Beydoun recently came to IDOT after working on P3s in Virginia and will share his insight on this important financing & project delivery tool.

10:30 – 10:45 Networking Break

10:45 – 11:15 Water Infrastructure & Future Preparedness

Hosted by Illinois American Water

Water infrastructure is one of the most important assets people don't think about as it is usually out of sight and out of mind. However, upgrading and improving our clean water, waste water, and storm water systems is important as many of them are beyond their useful life. Hear about what is being done to ensure the St. Louis region is prepared for the future of water.

11:15 – 12:00 Panel Discussion: How Today's Smarter Energy Infrastructure is Powering Local Business Growth

Eric Kozak, Senior Director of Gas Operations, Ameren (Moderator)

Cheryl Welge, Senior Business Development Executive, Ameren Illinois

Rick Welton, Senior Director of Distribution, Planning, Operations, & Reliability, Ameren, Illinois

Deborah Fulk, Senior Planner, DHS-FEMA Region V

Energy is critical to maintaining our way of life, as well as supporting our quality of life. But the energy system that we have come to know is in the midst of transformative change. Today, utilities are building a smarter energy infrastructure to deliver improved reliability and customer savings. From the installation of intelligent switches and smart sensors that can quickly detect and restore outages, to the deployment of sturdier, storm-ready utility poles, higher capacity transformers, and new overhead and underground lines, this technologically-advanced network is evolving every day to meet the needs of the region's residential and business customers. This session will explore these improvements and how they support the region's ability to attract and retain high wage jobs. We will also discuss the critical importance of emergency

management and how utilities, governments, and local agencies partner to ensure that energy service is restored quickly and safely.

12:00 – 12:15 Networking Break

12:15 – 1:15 Fireside Chat: The Impact of Federal Policies on Critical Infrastructure

Scott Sigman, Illinois Soybean Association

Ed Mortimer, Transportation & Infrastructure, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Heath Knakmuhs, Senior Director, Institute for 21st Century Energy, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

With the change in administration in Washington, DC, federal agencies and the U.S. Congress are in a new and different position. A lack of appointments in federal agencies leaves key positions unfilled while the Republican controlled congress moves forward on important policy shifts, the future is murky. This fireside chat with experts on federal policy will discuss what we can expect over the next several years and how that impacts our critical infrastructure.

1:15 – 2:00 Panel Discussion: Collaboration & Focused Efforts: How do We Work Together?

When something happens it very rarely impacts just one unit of government. Collaboration & cooperation between different units and levels of government, from local mayors to federal agencies is critical to preparing, reacting, and responding to disasters. This discussion will showcase what is being done at various levels of government to prepare for events that threaten our infrastructure as well as what they are doing to work together.

2:00 – 2:45 Closing Keynote: Department of Defense Logistics and Reliance on Regional Infrastructure for Success

Lt Col Scott Bryant, Commander, 375th Civil Engineer Squadron

2:45 – 3:00 Closing Remarks