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Mr. James C. Sanders, Administrator
Small Business Administration
1441 L Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20416

Dear Mr. Sanders:

General Railroad Equipment and Services, Inc. of East St. Louis, Illinois, has informed us of their intentions to participate in the Naval Sea Systems Command's Sea Shed project through the SBA 8(a) program. We would like to take this opportunity to express our full support of General Railroad's participation.

As you well know, the participation of more than one firm in the sea shed project is in the best interest of the Navy, and coincides with the objectives of the 8(a) program -- development of socially and economically disadvantaged small businesses.

It is our understanding that the Administrators of Regions III and V and the Navy are now negotiating the division of the 1984 requirement of 103 sea sheds along the lines of the 1983 requirement, that is, General Railroad receiving 30% to 40% of the requirement. As for the 1985-87 requirements, we have been led to believe these will be divided equally.

We appreciate the Administration's desire to be fair in making decisions affecting the sea shed project, and your personal attention to this most sensitive matter.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

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