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RE: Request for Proposals for the South Florida Regional Intermodal Logistics Center

Dear Mr. Lundeen:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a response to the Port of Palm Beach's Request for Proposals for the South Florida Regional Intermodal Logistics Center. At this time, the Lykes Bros. Inc. / A. Duda & Sons, Inc. partnership will not be submitting a response.

Based on our research, Florida has tremendous economic diversification and sustainability opportunities due to its location and population growth. Florida's location will allow it to be a domestic and global supply chain powerhouse within the United States and worldwide. Our experts define the supply chain infrastructure as including roads, rail, sea, air, and inland ports, and intermodal and integrated logistic centers. A South Florida Integrated Logistics Center (SFILC) would be a key piece of infrastructure in the State domestic and global supply chain. A SFILC planned and integrated into an overall statewide supply chain plan will attract best in class suppliers, distributors, warehousing, and manufacturing companies from the United States and internationally, thus insuring its economic success.

The Florida Department of Transportation is proceeding with a state wide freight movement study. In addition the separation of freight and commuter rail is being studied through out the State. It is our understanding that these studies will be wrapped up by mid-year 2010 and will provide crucial input for developing a State "all modes" integrated domestic and global supply chain plan.

We appreciate the catalyst role of the Port of Palm Beach in the efforts to better understand the State's significant opportunities within the global supply chain. However, until the many studies underway and being considered in support of an overall Florida plan are completed, we have decided to decline participation at this time. We look forward to participating and partnering with the State, the ports, the rail roads, the business community, and economic developers as we all move forward to positively position Florida within the United States and global economies.

Sincerely,



Mark Morton